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ARKANSAS—Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs, Sept. 20-22.—Gus Lane Chapter; write Sec., Miss Jeanice Falls, 414 S. Denver St., Russelville, Ark. 72801. All Arkansas Pioneers invited.

FLORIDA—The Diplomat, Hollywood, Dec. 4-5.—Florida State Chapter; write Sec., George W. Rose, P.O. Box 110, Tampa, Fla. 33601. All Florida Pioneers invited.

GEORGIA—Marriott Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Sept. 9-12.—New ITPA Chapter being organized. Watch for early announcement.

ILLINOIS—The 312 Chapter; write Sec., Walter W. Witte, c/o Reliable Electric Co., 11333 Addison St., Franklin Park, Ill. 60131. All Illinois Pioneers invited.

INDIANA—Hilton Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., April 27-29. J. K. Johnston Chapter; write Sec., Mrs. Mable G. Murray, P.O. Box 151, Decatur, Ind. All Indiana Pioneers invited.

IOWA—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, May 17-19. Tom Griffith Chapter; write Sec., Miss Grace Quigley, P.O. Box 1038, Fort Dodge, Ia. 50501. All Iowa Pioneers invited.

KENTUCKY—Campbell House, Lexington, May 3-5. Gen. Tel. Ky. Pioneer Club; write Sec., Arthur J. Rundle, 487 Stratford Place, Lexington, Ky. 40503. All Kentucky Pioneers invited.

MICHIGAN—Park Place Motor Inn, Traverse City, May 18-20. Larry Reynolds Chapter; write Sec., Mrs. Ruth Hudnut, c/o Calhoun Tel. Co., Addison, Mich. 49220. All Michigan Pioneers invited.

MID AMERICA (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)—Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., May 2-5. Theodore Gary Chapter; write Sec., Jack Slemmons, P.O. Box 785, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102. All Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska Pioneers invited.

MONTANA—Florence Hotel, Missoula, November 3-5.—Help needed here! Who'll help organize a Montana Chapter??

NEW ENGLAND—The Balsams, Dixville Notch, N.H., Sept. 13-16. New chapter being formed. Watch for early announcement.

NEW YORK—White Face Inn, White Face, Jan. 6-9.—Empire State Chapter; write Sec., Mrs. Teresa Heins, c/o Highland Tel. Co., P.O. Box 657, Monroe, N.Y. 10950. All New York Pioneers invited.

NORTH CAROLINA—Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, Sept. 27-30.—Tar Heel Chapter; write Sec., Mrs. Geneva Sloan, c/o Heins Tel. Co., Drawer 1209, Sanford, N.C. 27330. All North Carolina Pioneers invited.

OHIO—Sheraton Hotel, Columbus, Mar. 30-31. Buckeye Chapter; write Sec., John Sidlo, 463 Darbyhurst Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228. All Ohio Pioneers invited.

Keep Us Informed on Planned Meetings

Please help us keep this "Calendar" of Pioneer events accurate, current and complete. Rush your report on scheduled meetings to "The Independent Telephone Pioneer," 4411 Black Partridge Lane, Lisle, Illinois 60532. Give dates, time, location (hotel, city and state), and short description of planned activities. Thanks for your help.

PENNSYLVANIA—Buck Hill Inn, Buck Hill Falls, June 13-16. Keystone State Chapter; write Sec., Mrs. Thora K. Sheldon, 150 W. 10th St., Erie, Pa. 16512. All Pennsylvania Pioneers invited.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—Del Webbs Townhouse, Phoenix, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.—Help needed here! Who'll help organize a Rocky Mountain Chapter??

SOUTH CAROLINA—Help needed here! Who'll spearhead a drive for a South Carolina Chapter?

TENNESSEE—Sheraton-Nashville, Nashville, Sept. 1-3.—Help needed here! Who'll spearhead a drive for a Tennessee Chapter??

U.S. INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSN. (USITA)—Hilton-Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, Oct. 11-15.—50th Anniversary Meeting, Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA); write Sec. H. H. Butler, ITPA, 438 Pennsylvania Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20004. All Independent Pioneers cordially invited.

. . . ITPA's busiest year is heading your way. This year get into the "swing of things," by attending your ITPA Chapter or Club meetings. You'll meet old and new friends, and learn about ITPA's new activities.

VIRGINIA—The Homestead, Hot Springs, Nov. 15-17.—Help needed here! Who'll start a "drive" to form a Virginia Chapter??

WEST VIRGINIA—Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, Sept. 14-17.—Help needed here! Who'll help organize a West Virginia Chapter??

WESTERN CONFERENCE (Washington, Oregon, Calif., Nevada)—Washington Plaza Hotel, Seattle, June 23-25.—Northwest Chapter; write Mrs. Betty Hankison, 1355 N.E. Lincoln, Hillsboro, Ore. 97123. All California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington Pioneers invited.

WISCONSIN—Badger State Chapter; write Sec., Miss Cecelia M. Burke, 1314 Spaight St., Madison, Wis. 53703. All Wisconsin Pioneers invited.

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"50 Candles on the Cake"

■ THIS *"50th Anniversary Issue"* is dedicated to all members of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association, past, present, and future.

As we were working on the articles and stories we realized that since it was organized in 1920, ITPA has grown in power and stature and, unlike a society which may grow old and stiff with age, ITPA has a vitality, a voice of authority and a strength it did not possess when it first came into existence.

Certainly, as all Independent Pioneers look ahead to the start of ITPA's next 50 years of service, it is clear that they have contributed much to the development of communications on the North American continent and even in the entire world. Also they have experienced the friendships and fellowships which is theirs alone because they have worked together for a common purpose in which they believe.

We know new generations of Independent Pioneers will live and serve as the years go on. They too, just like the Pioneers of today, will see changes and contrasts in the material and mechanical things with which the telephone job is done.

However, in the Pioneering spirit of telephone men and women there will be no change because telephone development is not finished, the progress is not over, Pioneering in communications is still going on and will go on, and the future holds even greater promise than the past.

ITPA has a definite part in that future. It has played its part well in the past and as its members observe ITPA's 50th Anniversary it is set to establish new records of service to its members, its industry and its nation. Of that we feel sure.

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"Vote of Confidence"

■ IT WOULD be great to receive a copy of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" monthly. Each issue becomes better and better. I read the June issue from cover to cover and enjoyed each feature.

So—count me among those who would appreciate receiving the news while it is current by having a monthly publication of the Independent Pioneer magazine.

Mayme Workman,
The Town House Apt. 705,
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Springfield, Ill. 62703

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Thanks For Your Vote

■ I REALLY enjoy the "Independent Telephone Pioneer". Please cast my vote with those favoring a monthly publication.

Mrs. Mary Kathleen Groom,
Member Theodore Gary Chapter,
Albany, Mo.

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"Thanks, Mrs. Blomeyer"

■ I want to congratulate you on the June issue of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer." It is fabulous! ! ! Somebody has spent time and effort, and put out a masterpiece of news; covered the whole waterfront! ! It is an interesting magazine and I enjoy reading about what the people are doing today.

By the way, please get a "Telephony" and look on page 71, June 13, 1970. I was delighted to see the article. If there was ever a "Pioneer," Mr. Blomeyer was one. He contributed to developing the dial system, telephones and communications, and helped so many young fellows get started in business. John Reynolds will testify to that.

I had such an interesting letter from Clyde Bailey, telling me how Mr. Blomeyer helped him fulfill his duties while he was serving the telephone industry.

I am sure there are others retired that enjoy hearing about the efforts of the real Pioneers, as well as the efforts of the ones who are doing things today. The real Pioneers laid the foundation and made the telephone industry what it is today.

letters

I have been told the "Letters to Managers" contain advice that is as good today as when Mr. Blomeyer wrote them. He was surely inspired and endowed with wisdom from "Above."

I am proud the Palm Beach Atlantic College has honored him by naming the library "The Edward C. Blomeyer Library!" I hope all Independent Pioneers can see it someday; its growing so fast . . . More power to you in whatever you do.

Mrs. E. C. Blomeyer,
145 Chilean Avenue,
Palm Beach, Fla. 33480

Thanks for writing us Mrs. Blomeyer. We enjoyed your letter, just as we are sure many of our readers enjoyed reading our story of the dedication of the E. C. Blomeyer Library on page 17, of the April, 1969 issue of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer," and the story of the dedication of Mr. Blomeyer's portrait in this issue.—Editor.

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"We Like You, Too"

■ I certainly enjoy reading "The Independent Telephone Pioneer," and think you are doing a real good job. We all enjoy hearing of our old friends and their activities.

Robert M. Moore
Past President Gus Lane Chapter
Huntsville, Ala.

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"We Want Your "Letters!"

Certainly the editors of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" magazine want to hear from YOU! Let us have your ideas, your comments, and your suggestions for making your ITPA of more value to you and your associates. Writers should confine themselves to 200 or 300 words, or less. Give full name and address. Address letters to John G. Reynolds, Editor, The "Independent Telephone Pioneer," 4411 Black Partridge Lane, Lisle, Ill. 60532.

"Unpeaceful Protests"

■ I AM fed up with the soft-hearted methods of dealing with the student and other protests that are interrupting our day-to-day business of living. I am sick of having my peace forcibly disturbed. I am required to refrain from disturbing the peace of my neighbors or my community, and no one could consider the official enforcement of that requirement as repression. So why do my leaders listen to the propaganda that to enforce the laws and to stop these disturbances of the peace constitutes repression?

The constitutional right of peaceable assembly cannot possibly be stretched to include the right of any act or action which disturbs the peace of even one other citizen. Until we stop apologizing for enforcing laws protecting the rights of the public and individual citizens, we cannot expect lawbreakers to change their behavior.

R. L. L.
Chicago, Ill.

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"Scolding from Nature"

■ WE ARE kidding ourselves if we think the pollution problem can be solved by picking up empty beer cans and other discarded objects.

A keener sense of tidiness is needed, but the issue goes much deeper into our lives.

Basically, the preservation of our environment will require a much different outlook on life for most of us. We will need to revise our value system so as to modify our conspicuous consumption of material goods.

This means it will be more blessed to conserve than to get and consume. more commendable to "make do" with what we have than to strive continually for things we really do not need.

Nature itself is scolding us about the error of our materialism.

Wilfred Reynolds
Evanston, Ill.

Across the editor's desk . . .

ITPA to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

■ THE CANDLES will burn bright and long October 11-15, during USITA's 73rd annual convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, as members of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) celebrate their organization's 50th anniversary. And we hope *"you"* have made your plans to attend the festivities.

ITPA officers, directors and committees have prepared a complete program of ITPA activities that will hit its peak at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 when Pioneers and their friends will enjoy a 9-course Chinese dinner in the Dome of the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

For this impressive dinner, the principal social event of the USITA convention the John A. Balch Chapter of ITPA has obtained the Kailua High School Madrigal Singers. This famous vocal group has been touring the world and recently was featured at Expo '70 in Japan. So plan to be with the Pioneers in Honolulu. You'll enjoy ITPA's 50th Anniversary Dinner and participate in many activities that will set the scene for ITPA's continued service to its members, its industry, and the nation.

Here's Your Calendar of ITPA Events

■ GOT YOUR reservations made? Your trip to Honolulu planned? If so you're all set for the USITA convention and full participation in ITPA's schedule of events, and here's your calendar:

Sunday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Pioneers' Hospitality Room, sponsored by John A. Balch Chapter, Mynal-Ti Leaf Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hospitality room will be open, same hours on October 12, 13, 14.

Sunday, October 11, 2:30 p.m.—Meeting of ITPA Board of Directors, Empire Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Sunday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.—Dinner for ITPA Board of Directors, Gold Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Monday, October 12, 7:30 a.m.—"Eye Opener" Breakfast and ITPA's 50th Annual Meeting, Tapa Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village. Rise early and attend this important annual meeting. Your participation will help ITPA plan its course for another 50 big years of service.

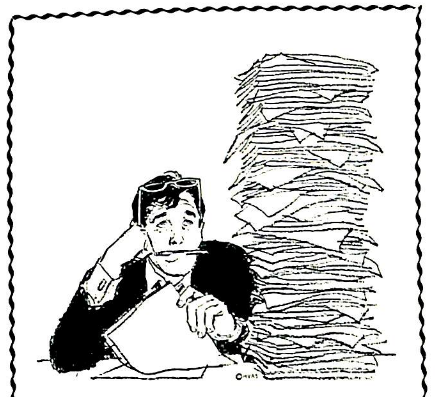
Monday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.—Meeting of ITPA Board of Directors, Empire Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.—ITPA's 50th Anniversary Dinner, Dome, Hilton Hawaiian Village. Don't miss this one! In addition to a delicious 9-course Chinese dinner and entertainment by the Kailua High School Madrigal Singers, you will see the annual Independent Hall of Fame Presentations and the presentation of Service Awards to ITPA Chapters and Clubs. Thanks to the manufacturers, some Pioneer attending the banquet will gain a beautiful color TV set. ITPA is deeply grateful to the manufacturers for their generous support of Pioneer functions.

All in all, you're in for the "time of your life" during USITA's 73rd Annual Convention in Honolulu. So come along . . . You have a perfect convention in beautiful Hawaii waiting for you!

Thanks for Your Help on this Issue!

■ WITHOUT the fine help of many Chapter and Club officers, this issue of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" would not be the "newsy publication that it is! . . . Keep up the good work! . . . We need your news stories, your pictures of Chapter and Club activities, and your ideas and suggestions. Send your copy and pictures to us regularly and we'll make good use of each item.



We Want To Be "FLOODED" With "NEWS"

That headline is exactly right. The more news stories and pictures we receive from Chapters and Clubs and ITPA members—Regular, Associate, Auxilliary and Life—the happier we are! So keep the news and pictures coming. You'll help us present in each issue of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" a complete "coast-to-coast" report on ITPA's Chapters, Clubs, and members.

Here Are a Few "Tips"

If your Chapter or Club publishes a "Newsletter" or a bulletin please add "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" to your mailing list.

If your company publishes an employee publication (and this applies to telephone companies and telephone industry suppliers), please have the editor add "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" to the mailing list.

Promptly send us complete reports on Chapter and Club meetings. Please obtain black and white photos (polaroid shots are acceptable); provide left to right identification of all persons appearing in the photos (names, company affiliation, and town and state location). Let us know who has been promoted, honored, retired, is ill, or has died.

Send All Items To

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people you know

O. L. Daily Dies

■ **Oliver L. Daily,** whose retirement plans were announced July 8 by General Telephone Co. of Ohio when friends and associates from the telephone industry honored Daily at a dinner in the Hotel Harding, died July 23 following a heart attack.

Daily launched his career as a cable splicer's helper with a contract company in 1922. A year later, he became maintenance-repairman with the Lewisburg Home Telephone Co. which was later merged into the Ohio Associated Telephone Co., a forerunner of General of Ohio.

In 1926, Daily joined the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. as a lineman. He returned to Lewisburg shortly after the OATC merger and became a cable repairman. Through his succeeding years with General he has held foreman and other supervisory positions before being raised to his last position as general plant supervisor (inside plant) in July, 1952.

O. L. DAILY

Daily had been active in the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association and completed a term as president of the Buckeye Chapter this year.

College Dedicates Portrait of Late E. C. Blomeyer

■ A PORTRAIT of the late telephone pioneer and a member of the Independent Hall of Fame **E. C. Blomeyer** has been unveiled at the Palm Beach Atlantic College Library, West Palm Beach, Fla., which was named in his honor.

Mrs. Blomeyer, of Palm Beach, and her son **Edward C., Jr.** of Kenilworth, Ill., and his wife, took part in the ceremonies. Dr. Jess Moody spoke at the ceremonies and the PBA ensemble sang several selections.

On display at the ceremony was a miniature book exhibit including several of the miniature books and booklets written by Mr. Blomeyer. Mr. Blomeyer was a pioneer telephone official and retired as a vice president of the Gary Group of Telephone Companies, now General Telephone & Electronics Corp.

The Blomeyer library was opened in 1970 on the third floor of the administration building. Modern facilities include study carrels, microfilm and recording equipment. The library can house up to 30,000 volumes.

E. C. BLOMEYER

A portrait of the late E. C. BLOMEYER was unveiled at Palm Beach Atlantic College Library which has been named in his honor. Shown at the ceremonies marking the unveiling are MRS. EDWARD C. BLOMEYER, and EDWARD C. BLOMEYER, JR. The late E. C. BLOMEYER was a pioneer telephone official and was elected to the Independent Hall of Fame in 1964.

Wm. Drysdale Dies

■ **William Calvin** (W.C.) **Drysdale,** 95, Rantoul, Ill. died April 27 at Mercy Hospital, Champaign. Mr. Drysdale was former owner of the Eastern Illinois Telephone Co., Rantoul.

Mr. Drysdale purchased the Eastern Illinois Telephone Co., Rantoul in 1924 and operated the company until he sold it and retired in 1958.

He was a member and past master of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Modern Woodmen, the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association, the Rantoul Rotary Club (charter member), the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce and the United Methodist Church.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Franklin, two brothers, Ray and Roy Drysdale, both of Rantoul; and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Richmond, Ind., Mrs. Clara Draper, Miss Ada Drysdale and Mrs. Laura Jones, all of Princeton, Ind.

Roy E. Putnam Dies: Served Industry 47 Years

■ **Roy Putnam,** who died May 16 following a long illness, was employed in the telephone industry for 47 years, 37 of which were with the General System.

Born in Darlington, Wisconsin, Putnam began his long telephone career with the Wisconsin Telephone Company and was with General Telephone of Illinois for three years before becoming district manager at Coldwater, Mich., in 1931.

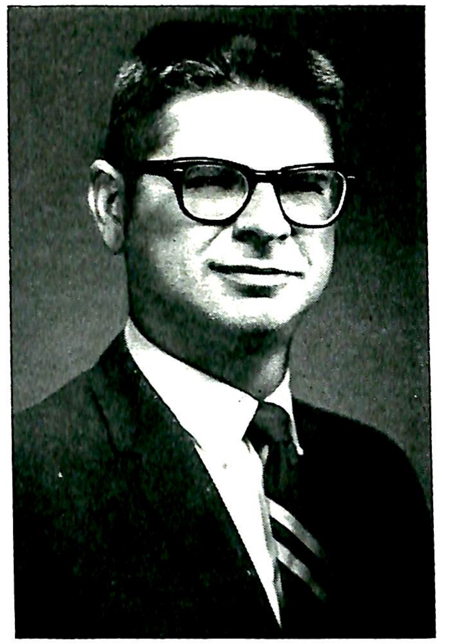
In his 32 years with General Telephone Co. of Mich., Putnam had served in various management capacities, including division manager, assistant to the vice president, rates and tariff engineer, commercial sales manager and general commercial agent.

A long-time leader in civic and professional organizations, Putnam was a member and past president of the Michigan Independent Telephone Association and a life member of ITPA. He is survived by his widow, Mayme, a son, William of Grand Haven, and a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Piske of Colorado Springs, Colo.

W. L. Eckles, Jr., Heads Lincoln, Neb. Pioneers

■ **W. L. Eckles, Jr.,** of Lincoln, Neb., was announced as the new president of the Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Association at the group's anniversary banquet and reunion.

Eckles is assistant to the general plant superintendent of the Lincoln (Neb.) Telephone and Telegraph Company. He succeeds Russell Rauch, Lincoln, as president of the association.


W. L. ECKLES, Jr., newly-elected president of Nebraska Pioneers.

Other officers named in the statewide election were: **George Eggleston,** Auburn, first Vice President; **Dean Hobson,** Lincoln, second Vice President; and **R. W. Blackford,** Lincoln, Treasurer. **Lillian Sowers** and **Jack Caldwell,** both of Lincoln were elected to the association's Executive Committee.

Meritorious Service Awards were presented posthumously to **Clara M. Jones** and **Harold J. Brady.**

During the President's annual report, outgoing President Rauch announced a membership of 955, including 493 auxiliary, life and retired members.

Joe Petrie Transfers

■ ITPA member **Joseph H. Petrie,** formerly with Automatic Co., Northlake, Ill., has joined Northeast Electronics Corp., Concord, N.H., as a communications engineer. He will be available to consult with telephone operating companies on transmission design and maintenance problems.

M. L. Kinder Dies

■ **Marius Lee Kinder,** 54, of Route 2, Mooresville, North C., died of a heart attack on April 29, at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The funeral was held at Harmony United Methodist Church of which he was a member, and burial was in Iredell Memorial Park in Statesville, N.C.

Kinder was born in Iredell County on May 7, 1915 to Arthur and Virginia Gaither Kinder. He served in the Pacific area during World War II and had worked with the T. L. Dysard & Son Construction Company, Harrison & Wright Company, and Burnup & Sims Company before joining Hunter & Walden Company, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. At the time of death he was manager of the underground department.

M. L. KINDER
1915-1970

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alice Wood Kinder; a daughter, Miss Patsy Ann Kinder of Charlotte, a sister, Mrs. Thelma Wright; two brothers, Thurmand Kinder of Harmony and Jack Kinder of Charlotte.

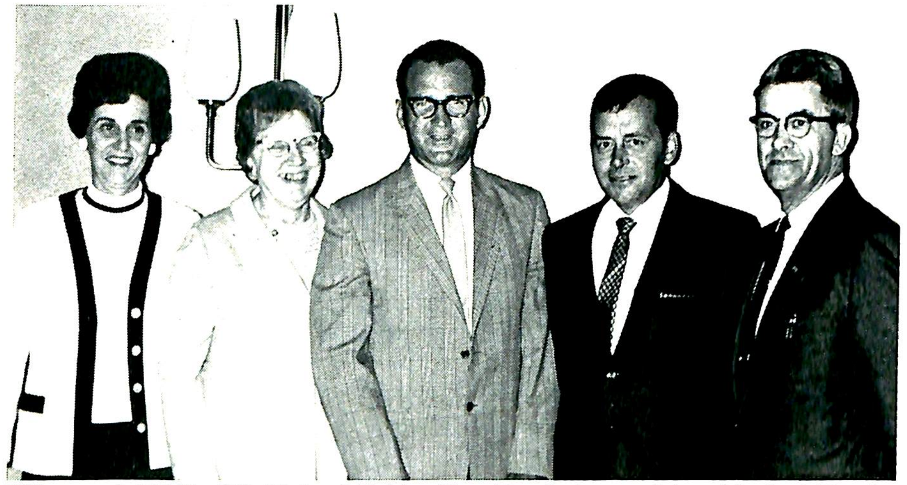
He became a member of the Tar Heel Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association in 1969.

Garland LaPrade Dies

■ **Garland T. LaPrade,** a member of the Tar Heel Chapter of ITPA and a resident of Martinsville, Va., died on March 1, 1970, only two months after his retirement as assistant secretary-treasurer, director and commercial advisor for Lee Telephone Company.

A native of Virginia, Garland LaPrade became associated with Lee Telephone Company in 1930 as clerk and accountant, advanced to commercial manager in 1939, became a member of the board of directors in 1948, and was named secretary and treasurer in 1955. He was also active in several industry-related organizations, being a member and past president

Pioneers do get around! Shown above are (l. to r.) H. Y. PRICE, San Marcos, Texas; former ITPA President, CLIFF PEARCE, Riceville, Ia., Mrs. WADE MORRIS, Fairmount, Ind.; and Mrs. J. M. BLACKHALL, Hollister, Mo.



Officers of ITPA's 309 Club of Pekin, Ill., attended recent breakfast at Peoria. Shown (l. to r.) are: Treasurer, ALICE SOLTERMAN; Secretary, DOROTHY EPKENS; First VICE PRESIDENT, JAMES ALLEN; Second Vice President, ROBERT STARRETT; and MELVIN MILLS who represented Club President PAUL HERNEN.

The Illinois Telephone Association's first "Telephone Man of Distinction Award" was recently presented to RICHARD A. LUMPKIN (right), Mattoon, Ill., by KEN SCHROEDER, Freeport, Ill.

of the Virginia Independent Telephone Association and a member of the North Carolina Independent Telephone Association, as well as a Tar Heel Chapter ITPA member.

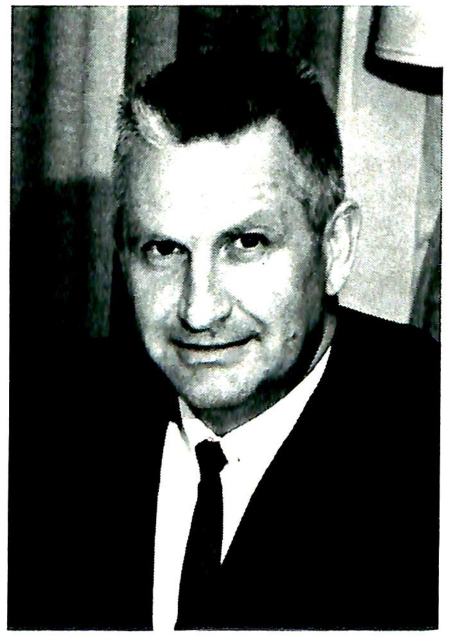
He was also deeply interested in civic and community affairs, being a past president and trustee of the United Fund of Martinsville; past district chairman and commissioner of the Boy Scouts; past treasurer and director of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He had also served his community as chairman of the Industrial Division of the American Cancer Society and director of the American Red Cross.

LaPrade is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith L. LaPrade; one daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Pierce III of Suffolk; four brothers, Frank G. LaPrade of Martinsville, William E., Claude F., and Clarence B. LaPrade, all of Rocky Mount; and two grandchildren.

Both Mrs. Edith LaPrade and Frank LaPrade are members of the Tar Heel Chapter of ITPA. The telephone industry and the Tar Heel Chapter have suffered a great loss in the passing of Garland T. LaPrade.

Bill Sailor Promoted

■ **William F. Sailor,** Dayton, Ohio, has been appointed chief engineer of The Western Reserve Telephone Co., Hudson, Ohio.



BILL SAILOR

Sailor, who has been in the telephone and communications industry 25 years, has been vice president and general manager of Jackson Communication Corp., at Brookville, Ohio. He started as a central office installer for Western Electric Corp.

Subsequently, Sailor has been a telephone engineer for Gustav Hirsch Organization; engineering and marketing representative for Stromberg-Carlson Co., and marketing representative for North Electric Co., until joining Jackson Communication nearly four years.

During World War II, he served with the Navy. He is a member of Telephone Pioneers of America and the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. With his wife, the family includes three sons, and they live at 6618 Cheri Lynne Drive, Dayton.

Personal Notes from Wis. Badger Chapter

■ **Frank H. Heidt,** Madison, Wisc., first vice president of Badger State Chapter recently celebrated his 42nd anniversary in the industry; and **Leroy A. Bedessem** his 30th.

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■ Retirements in the Badger State Chapter include **Egner O. Stenklyft,** Portage, Wisc., and **Harvey D. Plekenpol,** Oostburg, Wisc., both of whom became Life members. **Robert W. Friess,** a chapter director of Pardeeville, Wisc., retired in July and **Floyd H. Farnsworth,** Belleville, Wisc., retired on September 1.

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■ **Elaine E. Lefebvre,** Badger State Chapter member at Rice Lake, Wisc. lost her life on May 22 in an automobile accident. She was a service assistant for General Telephone Company of Wisconsin.

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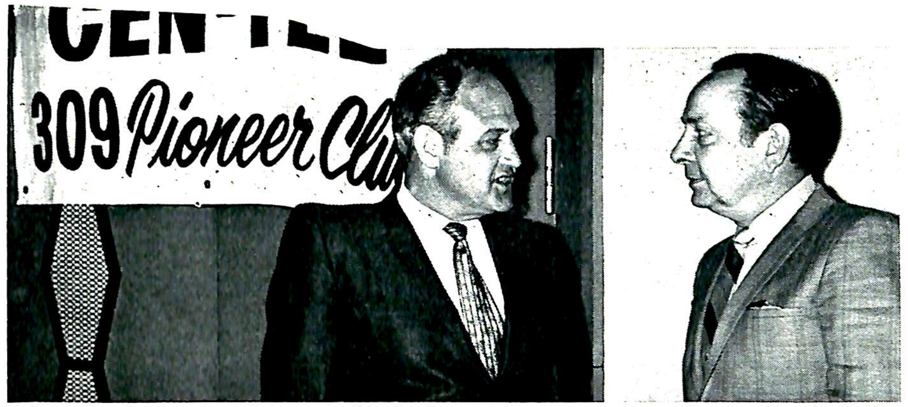
■ **Richard A. Schultz,** life member of Badger State Chapter and his Auxiliary member wife **Kate** are planning a trip to Brussels, Belgium and London in August. After his retirement Dick and Kate moved to Tallahassee, Florida where Dick is with the Public Service Commission. Kate still follows her Madison hobby, gardens and garden clubs.



Prior to Pioneer breakfast, held during 1970 convention of the Illinois Telephone Association at Peoria, WILLIAM MCGREW (right), Des Plaines, Ill., chats with breakfast speaker, MAYOR WILLIAM WALDMEIER, Pekin, Ill.

Queen
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Incoming officers of ITPA's John A. Balch Chapter, Honolulu, (holdovers in white leis, newly-elected in red leis) were photographed during recent Installation Dinner. From left to right: OTTO ORENSTEIN, incoming president; JAMES SEELIG, outgoing president; HARRY AKAHANE, treasurer, PAUL BRITTAIN and LEI FARIA, directors; and JESSE WHEELWRIGHT, recording secretary. Missing from the picture are RAY ADAMS, vice president and ROSE TOM, corresponding secretary.

Members of ITPA's Hall of Fame Committee met in Chicago to consider 1970 nominations. Shown above from left, seated are: CLIFFORD C. PEARCE, president, Farmers Tel Co., Riceville, Iowa; CHARLES S. CADWELL (Chairman), retired president, Automatic Electric International, Inc.; FRANK S. BARNES, board chairman and president, Rock Hill (S.C.) Tel. Co. Standing: ALBERT J. STULTS, advertising manager and vice-president, "Telephony"; H. DUNCAN PRICE, JR., vice-president, General Tel. Directory Co.; JOHN G. REYNOLDS, vice president and publisher, "Telephone Engineer & Management"; H. H. ("PETE") BUTLER, secretary-treasurer, Independent Telephone Pioneer Assoc.; J. CURTIS NEWMAN, general manager, Northern area, General Tel. of California. Others (absent) are: RICHARD A. LUMPKIN, president, Illinois Consolidated Tel. Co., Mattoon, Ill.; WILFORD R. MCGREW, vice president & division manager, Central Tel. Co. of Ill.; C. A. SCUPIN, retired chairman, United Utilities, Inc.

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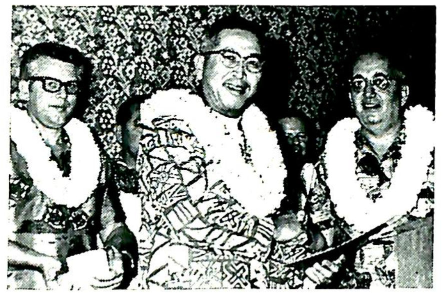
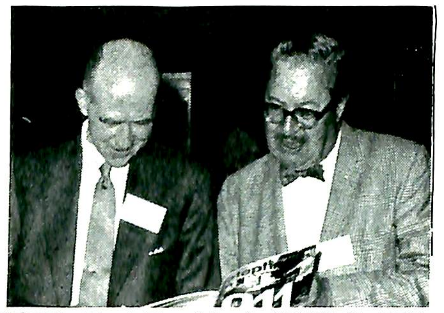


BOB HASHIMOTO (center) of the John A. Balch Chapter, Honolulu, receives his life membership award from **JIM SEELIG** and **OTTO ORENSTEIN**, chapter president.

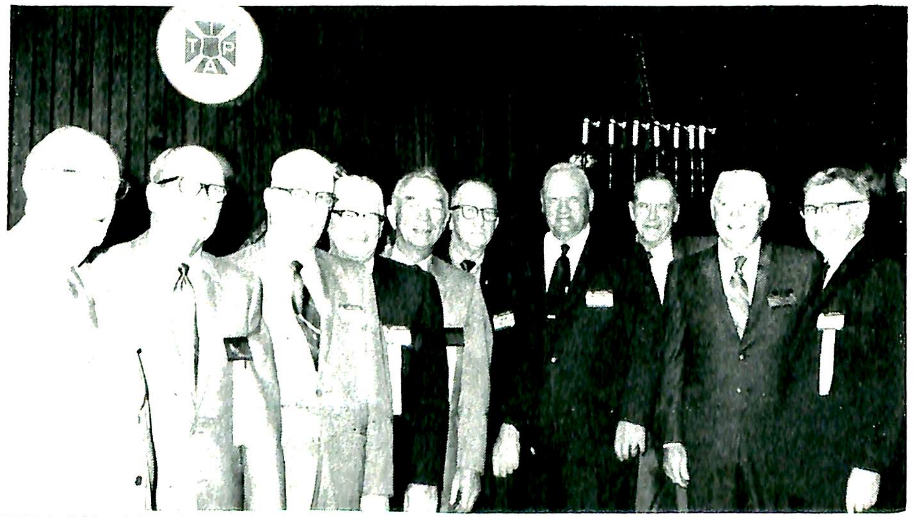


ITPA's Past President, **JOHN G. REYNOLDS** (left) confers with **JOHN WINCHESTER**, Whittier, Calif. following formation of ITPA's "Road Runners' Club" during recent Western Conference of Independent Telephone Associations at the Sahara Tahoe Hotel, Stateline, Nev.

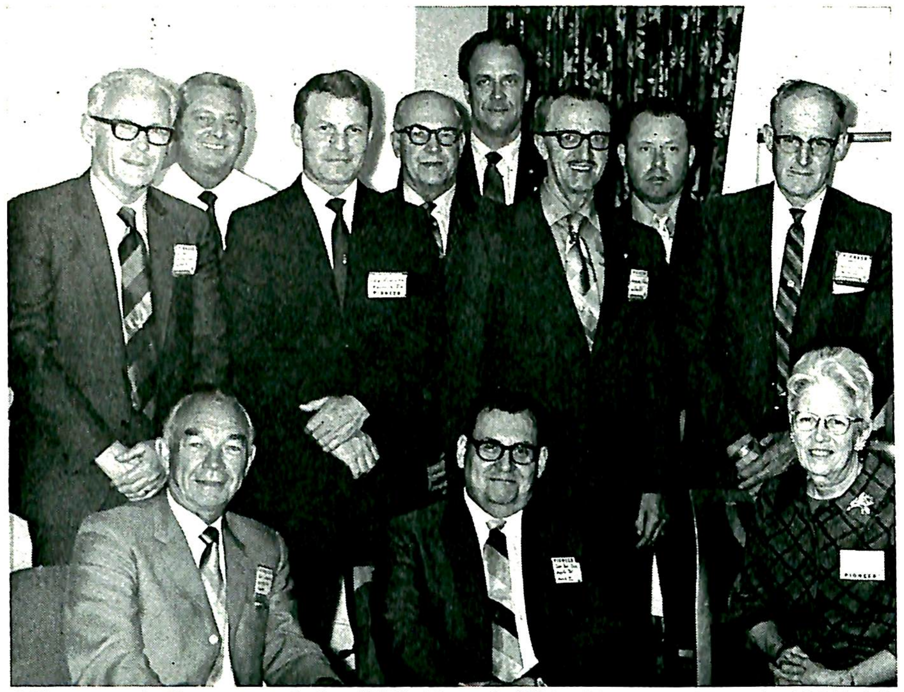
ITPA President **JACK LAMASTER**, **CECILIA BURKE** and **JEAN PUTNAM** of Central State Tel., Wisc. chat at the Pioneer Luncheon of the Badger Chapter during recent Wisconsin telephone convention.

JOHN SIDLO, (left) Buckeye State Chapter secretary-treasurer, presents annual Scholarship Award check to **BARBARA TITUS**, as her parents **MR. and MRS. DONALD TITUS** watch presentation. Barbara Titus is enrolled for the fall term at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Titus is an early retiree from the United Telephone Co., Warren, Ohio.

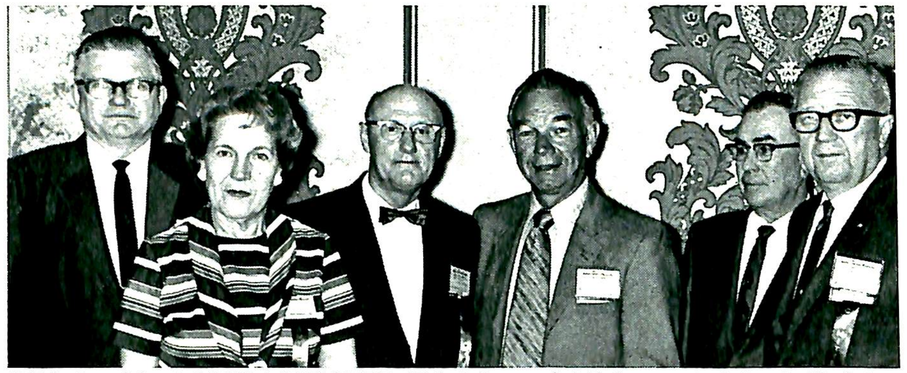
ITPA'S BUCKEYE State Chapter makes annual scholarship check presentations. Above photo shows (l. to r.) **CHARLES KERN**, Buckeye Chapter director and president Germantown Independent Telephone Co., **REBECCA A. WINDERS**, **MRS. EARL WINDERS**, **EARL WINDERS**. **REBECCA WINDERS** will be a senior at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. She is the daughter of Iris and Earl Winders. Earl is an employee of the General Telephone Co., Brookville, Ohio.



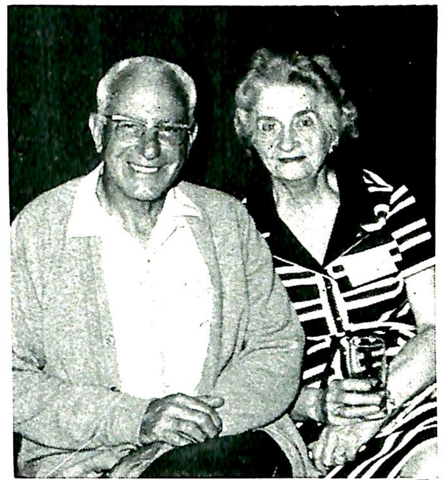
ITPA Life Members at the annual luncheon held during the Texas-Oklahoma Convention were (l. to r.): **W. G. WINTERS**, Houston; **DEE COLE**, Greenville; **P. D. GRINSTEAD**, Kerryville; **MARION CLAY**, Lufkin; ITPA President **JACK LAMASTER**, Tampa, Fla.; **RAY RED**, San Angelo; **C. A. HENDRIX**, Brazoria; **W. T. REICHEL**, Killeen; **O. K. HITCHCOCK**; **H. L. HOUSLEY**, Dallas.



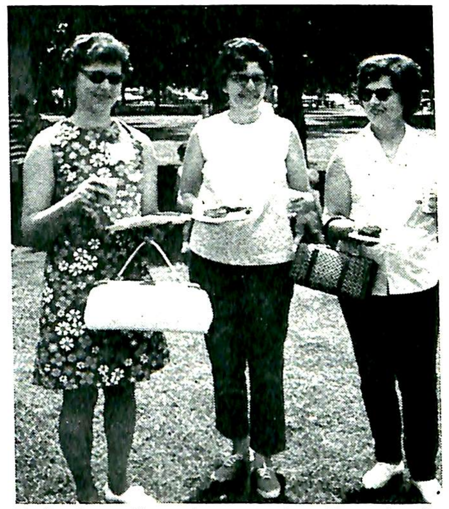
Officers and directors of the ITPA Tom Griffith Chapter. Seated: **JACK LAMASTER**, ITPA President, Tampa; Chapter President **JOHN PAUL JONES**, Manilla; and Secretary **GRACE QUIGLEY**, Fort Dodge. First standing row: from left, **DON HOUCK**, Keystone; **DON WOODWARD**, Knoxville; **HERSCHEL FLATER**, Wilton; Vice President **C. H. WOODS**, Chariton. Back Row: **RICHARD DIRCKS**, Knoxville; **CECIL STOKES**, Newton; **D. J. STEELE**, Dennison; and **JACK HILEY**, Griswold.



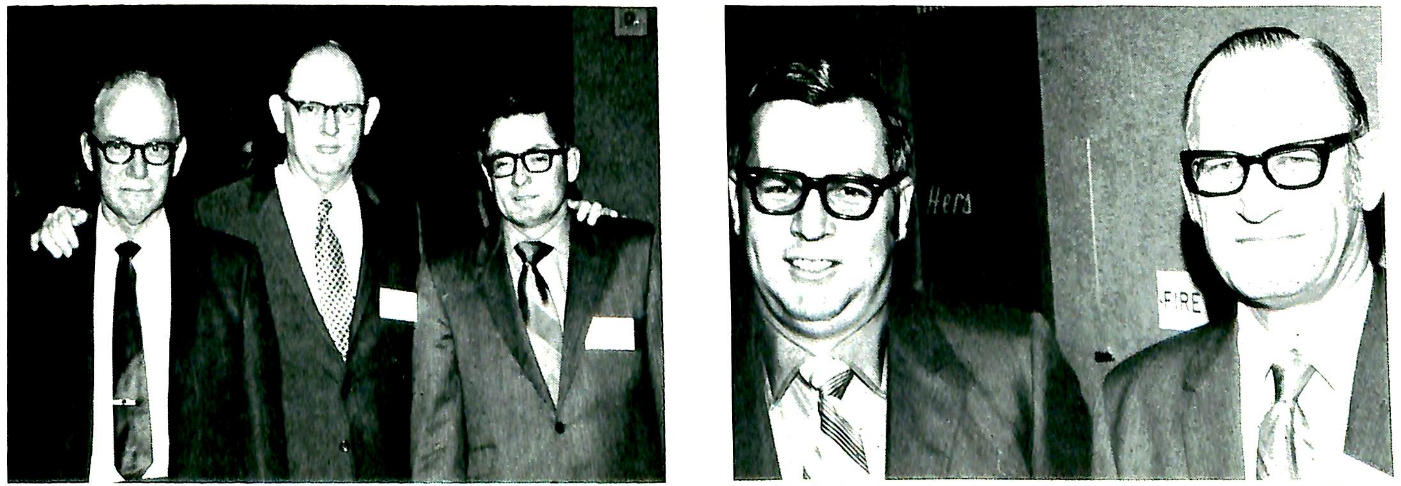
ITPA President **JACK LAMASTER** (third from right) is greeted by J. K. Johnston Chapter officers and directors, from left: **BECHTEL WINGER**, Sweetster; Secretary-Treasurer, **MABEL MURRAY**, Decatur; President, **LUTHER DETTMER**, Ossian; **GLENN E. VOYLES**, Whitney Blake; and **ART BRUBAKER**, Rochester.



Mr. and Mrs. **L. S. HANKINSON**, Hillsboro, Ore. attended recent luncheon of ITPA's Northwest Chapter at the Sahara Tahoe Hotel, Stateline, Nev.



Enjoying the day at family picnic sponsored by ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club at Forest Park, Shelbyville, Ill., are (l. to r.): **ROSIE VONDERHEIDE**, **LOIS NEFF**, and **MARY GRACE KEENE**. (See "Pioneer News Highlights" for complete story.)



Pioneers attending recent OPASTCO meeting in St. Louis, Mo., included (l. to r.) **H. Y. PRICE**, San Marcos, Texas; **FRED McGEHEE**, Marianna, Fla.; **MADISON NEW**, Thomaston, Ga.; **CECIL DUPREE**, Ashford, Ala.; **GENE DAUBENDIECK**, Jefferson, Ia.

report from Washington

PATRICIA MUIR,
Assistant Secretary, ITPA,
Washington, D.C.

A Year of Progress for ITPA

Dear Pioneers:

THE ADVERTISING for a popular brand of cigarettes says, *"You've come a long way, Baby."* Well, the Pioneers have come a long way since that lazy summer day at Winona Lake, Indiana, on June 16, 1920, when J. K. Johnston circulated a petition and secured 74 signatures to form The Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA).

We've come a long way from the 74 members who organized ITPA to the approximately 11,500 members we have today. We've come a long way with 51 chapters and clubs at this writing and the possibility of between four and nine more by Convention time. We've also come a long way in territory represented. We now go from Hawaii and Alaska to Puerto Rico and Bermuda—and very soon, we hope, Mexico!

We've come a long way with the institution of the Hall of Fame. Thirty five Independent telephone people have been elected through 1969. I know we will all be anxious to know who and how many will be elected this year.

We've come a long way with our *"Pioneer Bulletin."* The first issue came out February, 1944, and was four pages. Then in January 1969, we were able to expand, through the efforts of John Reynolds, to our fine *"Independent Telephone Pioneer"* magazine. Mr. Reynolds, with the help of all you fine Pioneers, manages to make each issue better than the last.

We've come a long way with our fine *"Roster."* It was in 1962 that General Telephone Directory Company began printing the *"Roster"* for us. It, too, has improved each year.

We've come a long way from a manual billing system to a computerized system that also distributes the chapter and club portion of the dues automatically. We've come a long way from trying to keep *"track"* of each member *"by hand"* to being able to have the computer run us a *"print out."*

We hope to go a long way in the next 50 years! We expect to see many changes and improvements. We hope to see the erection of the Independent Telephone Historical Museum. We hope to see people come from far and wide to see it.

We hope to see a chapter in every state and a club in every Independent Telephone Company. We hope to have every person in the Independent Telecommunications field who is eligible become a Pioneer. We also hope to see every Independent Telephone Company as an Associate Member.

We hope to see such keen competition for the Activity Awards each year that we have a tough job deciding the winners. In fact, we would like to see all the Pioneers so actively engaged in community affairs, education and good fellowship that we would have to branch out with more awards!

We hope to see *at least* a full page of news and pictures from each chapter and club in each issue of *"The Independent Telephone Pioneer."* With only a little effort and thought, this can become a reality *Now!*

Well, Pioneers, it took the effort and cooperation of you all to come this far. It will take much more of the same to get where we want to go. Without you, the Association can't grow. If we don't go forward, we start to backslide. We certainly don't want that to happen so it's up to each of *you* to work toward having a progressive and a *live* Association!

Pioneeringly yours,

Patricia

Patricia A. Muir,
Assistant Secretary,

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newsletter

September, 1970

ARE YOUR U.S.I.T.A. CONVENTION PLANS ALL MADE?—If not, IPTA's Assistant Secretary PATRICIA MUIR, advises—"you'd better get busy as it is later than you think! . . . The Pioneers are going to be busier than ever . . . Sunday, October 11 will see the opening of the Pioneer Hospitality Suite in the Mynah-Ti Leaf Rooms, Honolulu, Hawaii, at 11 a.m. . . . The Pioneer Board Meeting will be in the Empire Room at 2:30 P.M. . . . At 7:00 P.M. the Pioneer Board Dinner will take place in the Gold Room. It will be over in time to allow everyone to go to Ilikai for the Manufacturer's Welcome Party at 9:00 P.M. On Monday morning the Pioneers' "Eye Opener" will begin at 7:30 A.M. in the Tapa Room. The IPTA Annual Meeting will take place during this time. There are several important matters that will need to be voted on by the membership.

The big event, of course, is IPTA's 9-course Chinese Banquet to be held in the Dome of the Hawaiian Village on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 P.M. During the evening the new hall of Fame members will be announced and Activities' Plaques awarded. There will be Hawaiian entertainment at the conclusion of the Banquet. . . . A second Board meeting will be held but the day and time have not been set.

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CHAPTER/CLUB NEWSLETTERS:—Again ITPA's Washington Office urges those Chapters and Clubs that do not have a "Member Newsletter" to give serious thought to having one. This is the only way Chapters and Clubs can inform all members what officers and directors are planning and also query members as to what they would like to have the the Chapter or Club do. You might be surprised at what your members would like! Though you may think you could never get them to work on a project—that is, give of their time and effort—they may be only too glad if you ASK them. They may even suggest it!

You can request that they send you news items such as promotions, transfers, service and wedding anniversaries, graduations, weddings, birth announcements, trips, etc. which would make your "Newsletter" of interest to all members of your Chapter or Club . . . Then when you send a copy of your "Newsletter" to Mr. Reynolds, he will select the news he needs for "The Independent Telephone Pioneer" magazine . . . Remember, you don't have to have major events to report. People like to read about the little things that happen and about people they know.

A "Newsletter" is a great recruitment tool! You can show it to prospective members and let them see how active your particular Chapter or Club is . . . It can keep all of your members informed of things happening on a National level of the association and explain how it applies to them—as it occurs.

The first issue or so would be most difficult. After that, your members would practically "write" it for you. You invite them to send in their stories and news. Then you put it together and run it on a Mimeo, Ditto, or offset . . . Spread the work around and make others feel they are

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performing a vital task for the Chapter or Club—which they are! If it is a team effort all the way around, no one person should be bogged down. One final advantage of having a "Newsletter" is that our "drop out" rate should be considerably reduced since the entire membership would be involved. A majority of the complaints we receive from members is that they never know what is going on in the Association . . . Let's correct this problem!

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PASSING THE GAVEL:—First, a correction. WILLIAM McCLUSKY is the new President of the Buckeye Chapter. There is no change in the Mt. Vernon Division Club . . . JACK C. BECKWITH is the new President of the California Chapter . . . H. V. JOHNSON is the new President of the Empire State Chapter . . . Victor L. RHINE is the new President of the Theodore Gary Chapter . . . and HOMER L. AKERS is the new President of the National Chapter Club . . . None of the above Chapters or Clubs mentioned changes of secretaries . . . Gen Tel Mich Pioneer Club named HARRY W. BLOCK, JR., as President and C. FERN BOERMAN, Secretary.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:—Affiliated ITPA Clubs are reminded that they should send ALL applications through their CHAPTER Secretary. The Chapter Secretary keeps copies (or in the information thereon) of all applications . . . When the Chapter Secretary sends in applications, an indication should be made as to the Club to which the new member belongs. Otherwise, the Washington office will have to guess—and in some instances, their guess may be wrong.

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LOW PHONE STOCKS HIDE POTENTIAL:—Telephone industry's dynamic growth potential is currently not reflected in prices of telephone stocks, which are selling at historically low valuations and at around their lowest prices for number of years, says Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Industry's growth potential stems from accelerating demand for communications and technological advances that are improving existing services and creating new ones. The market's disdain for these stocks also gives scant recognition to the generally satisfactory earnings growth recorded by telephone companies last year, in face of higher interest costs and other inflation, survey says . . .

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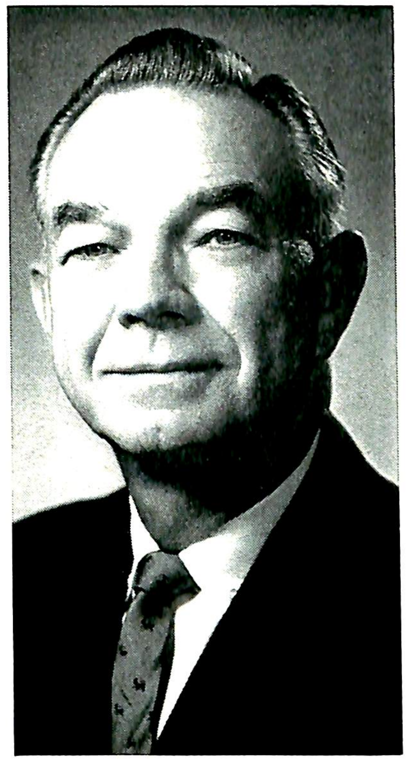
KIDNEY-MATCHING LINK ORGANIZEZD BY A UNIT OF GENERAL TELEPHONE:—When kidney becomes available for transplanting from dead person, critical problem is to find most suitable recipient for kidney out of hundreds of persons awaiting transplantation. A subsidiary of General Telephone & Electronics Corp. said it is setting up computer communications network covering 12 Southeastern states that it hopes will help overcome this problem. In network, major biochemical characteristics, such as blood types, of persons awaiting kidney transplants at 15 different medical centers will be stored in central computer. When kidney becomes available for transplanting at any of the medical centers, doctors can immediately tap computer to locate in matter of seconds the single patient among possibly hundreds whose tissues most closely match those of the kidney donor, company explained.

report from your president



JACK LAMASTER,
ITPA President,
Tampa, Fla.

ITPA Enters a New Era . . .

IN THE 40 years from 1920—when the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) was formed, until 1960, membership grew to only 5,000. Then, in the 1960's, membership more than doubled, so that today ITPA has a membership of more than 12,000.

This year, as your ITPA president, I have had the pleasure of visiting Pioneers in 17 states during conventions, and have discussed plans being made for a variety of activities with newly-elected Chapter and Club officers. I strongly feel that ITPA is now truly entering into a "new era"—an era when more and more members are personally involved not only in the social and "fun" side of picnics, boat rides, parties, etc., but also in Community Service and Educational projects which will enhance our heritage and purpose.

As reported by previous issues of "The Independent Telephone Pioneer," the Pioneer breakfasts and luncheons held in connection with various State Telephone Conventions have been well attended, with new interest evidenced in Club formations and many new members signed up. The new "507" Club was formed shortly after the Minnesota Convention. Almost 100 new members joined ITPA during the Texas-Oklahoma meeting. Social and Community projects are being held or planned in almost every region.

I feel this new enthusiasm is due largely to our organization's ability to communicate the goals and benefits of ITPA to the average communication industry employee. The plant men, the girls in the commercial and traffic departments, the supervisors and members of the management team, all welcome the opportunity to "band together" in ITPA with others of similar experience and interests.

This kind of history serves to provide a base, a jumping off point, for bigger and better things to come in this decade of the 1970's. 30,000 non-member Independent telephone people are not now receiving the personal benefits of ITPA membership—so the potential is there.

If you cannot attend the Pioneer Banquet to be held during the USITA Convention in Hawaii during October, I urge you to participate in your own Chapter or Club Pioneer Convention now planned for almost every state.

Best regards,

Jack La Master

D. E. LaMaster,
President

A "New Era" for the Independent telephone industry started in 1920 during the annual USITA convention at Winona Lake, Ind., when John Knox Johnston announced his plans for forming an association that was destined to become the largest Independent telephone industry organization of its kind.

A Man With a Dream Founds ITPA in 1920

By JOHN G. REYNOLDS

Editor, "The Independent Telephone Pioneer"

The 1920 USITA convention at Winona Lake, Ind., did "an extraordinary amount of good"; not so much for what it accomplished and what it taught, as for its inspirational influences and the dream of one man, John Knox Johnston, that led to the beginning of ITPA.

LOOKING back through the records of the Independent telephone industry's history, we note that the 1920 convention of the United States Independent Telephone Association was, as one editor reported, *"all that its most sanguine supporters could have anticipated and that is more than could be said about any Independent convention that has been held for the last four or five years. . . ."*

According to this reporter of the past *"Not since the good old days, when the chief aim of the Independent telephone industry was to 'get the Bell on the run' has there been so much activity and pep displayed; not since convention reports were triumphant records of Independent success over 'the enemy' has there been evident so much of buoyant spirits and general good feeling. The phrase 'New Era' is obviously correct and the 'New Era' has already started."*. .

A "New Era" Starts

That 'New Era,' referred to by the reporter, started for the Independent telephone industry during the 1920 convention of the United States Independent Telephone Association, held at Winona Lake, Ind. on June 15-18—a convention that was destined to be remembered by Independent telephone men and women of the past, present and future.

Around the crowded corridors of the convention floors and in the lobby of the resort hotel, selected because of over-booked Chicago hotels, the old comments about the telephone business "*being dead from the neck up*" *were conspicuously absent. To the Independent company representatives and their suppliers the telephone business certainly looked like a good business, a live business, and a big business.*"

Then, just as today, labor troubles threatened, various problems of compensation were unsolved, and the stability of earnings was not assured. But such problems, according to the reporter covering USITA's 1920 convention, *"promised not so much of worry as of chance for a good, lively, honest fight, which is really an enjoyable thing when a fellow is on his own. . . ."*. .

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"A generation of Pioneers had built a new industry."

The 1920 USITA convention did an extraordinary amount of good; not so much for what it accomplished and what it taught, as for its inspirational influence. In that one element the convention's effect was classified as "supreme" and observers claimed—*"Enough ambition and determination went home from that gathering to establish a new industry, or rehabilitate an old one and multiply its efficiency to the 'nth' power . . .*

A Pioneer With an Idea

Prior to the 1920 convention at Winona Lake, Ind., one of the Independent telephone industry's true Pioneers, John Knox Johnston of Indianapolis, Ind., had carefully studied the industry. Its surging growth and its future prospects were well known to him.

He had joined the Independent telephone industry in 1897 when the fast-growing Independents formed their first national association—"The Independent Telephone Association of America."

During the period from 1897 through 1914, Johnston organized and managed telephone companies at Port Clinton, Rushylvania, New Philadelphia and Sandusky, Ohio, Lexington, Kentucky, and Elkhart, Ind.; rebuilt the Hot Springs, Ark. telephone plant following its destruction by fire; and purchased and rebuilt the Home Telephone Company, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Leaving the operating side of the business in 1914, Johnston established his own consulting business and served the industry by handling rate cases and apprasials of Independent telephone properties. Traveling in 19 states, he appraised the property of over 700 telephone companies and made friends from coast-to-coast.

By 1919, as he had worked with and knew the industry's veterans—the men and women who had helped organize Independent telephone companies following the expiration of basic Bell patents for telephone receivers and transmitters in 1893 and 1894—Johnston decided the time was *"ripe"* for the formation of an organization composed of the men and women who had Pioneered in the formation and growth of the Independent telephone industry.

When ITPA's founder, JOHN KNOX JOHNSTON, died at the age of 88, his dream of an Independent Telephone Pioneer Association had "come true" and Pioneers from coast-to-coast were demonstrating their loyalty to the organization by their participation in ITPA activities and their willingness to do their share of the work.

A Generation of Pioneers

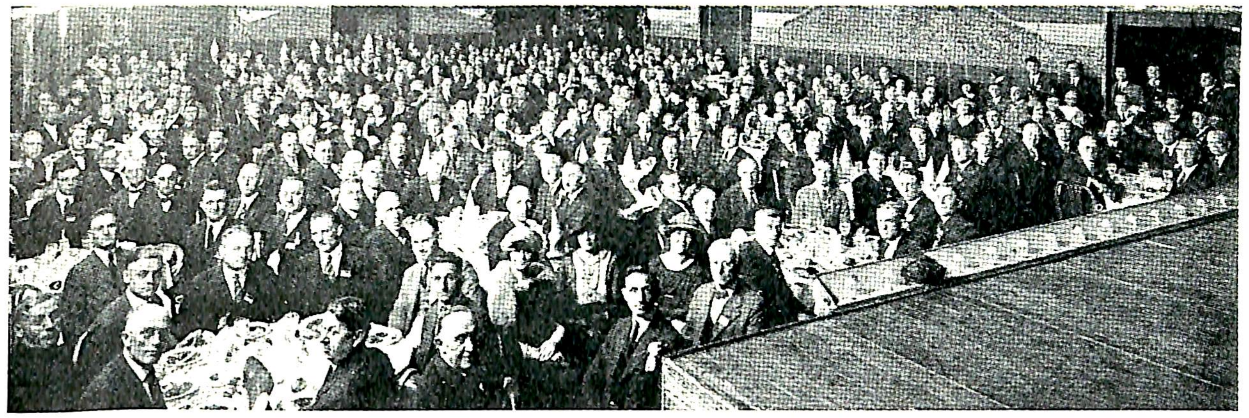
By 1920 the Independent telephone industry had grown up, and Johnston realized a generation of pioneering telephone people had grown up with it. Johnston knew many of the industry's leaders. Many of his friends were the men and women he worked with in the early days. As he listed them he built an impressive roster of telephone people who had created and built the Independent telephone industry.

"Sometimes the song of destiny begins with a quiet overture—a modest tune played without trumpets—and so it was throughout 1920 as ITPA's founder, John Knox Johnston, planned a new organization."

Sometimes, so various authors have told us, *"the song of destiny begins with a quiet overture—a modest tune played without trumpets."* And so it was during 1919 and throughout the early months of 1920 as John Knox Johnston carefully planned the formation of an organization that was destined to become the largest Independent telephone organization of its kind in the world.

Realizing that *"there is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the crest leads on to victory,"* Johnston took his idea to the 1920 convention of the United States Independent Telephone Association.

There in the resort area of Winona Lake, Ind., on June 16, 1920, Johnston announced his plan for forming an association for veteran Independent telephone people.



By 1924 more than 1,000 persons attended the Pioneer luncheon during the 28th annual USITA convention, held in Chicago October 21-24, and "Pioneer activities were coming to be regarded as an indispensible part of the yearly gathering and the organization had proved its value."

An Agreement is Circulated

Moving among the USITA conventioners and contacting such industry veterans as F. B. MacKinnon, then president of USITA, W. S. Vivian, R. V. Achatz, Frank L. Beam, W. G. Brorein, Claude R. Stoops, J. L. W. Zietlow, and many others, Johnston circulated the following agreement:

> *"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to associate ourselves together in association which will be known as the Independent Pioneer Telephone Association of the United States, for the purpose of the mutual welfare of each of the parties hereto, both as regards to the telephone business and the social welfare of the signers hereto, and we hereby authorize J. K. Johnston to call the undersigned persons together in a meeting within five days after the signing of this agreement for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization."*

Johnston obtained 74 signatures, and the signatures included J. L. W. Zietlow, a 40-year veteran of the industry, who was one of the first telephone men to appreciate the necessity of providing for plant depreciation, and in 1886 had built one of the first Independent exchanges at Aberdeen, S.D., and other industry veterans with service records ranging from 12 to 39 years.

An Organization Committee is Selected

Working swiftly to complete his plans for creating an organization of the Independent telephone industry *"trail blazers"* who had participated in the creation of a new body of knowledge, a new science and a new technology, and built a tradition of service to the nation as they progressed, Johnston called a meeting for June 18, 1920, of the signers of the agreement for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization.

The meeting, held on the last day of the Independent telephone association convention, was attended by about 25 signers of the agreement. After calling the meeting to order, Johnston stated its purpose and nominated Claude R. Stoops of Nappanee, Ind. chairman and Stoops was elected. Also, John F. Tompkins of Chicago was named temporary secretary.

Following a discussion of the purposes of the new organization and the length of industry service that should be considered as a primary membership qualification, Johnston moved that an Organization Committee be appointed and given full power to perfect a permanent organization.

Members of the Organization Committee were: G. W. Robinson, St. Paul, Minn., chairman; John Z. Miller, Erie, Pa.; Frank F. Fowle, Chicago; J. L. W. Zeitlow, Aberdeen, S.D.; and Johnston.

A New Organization is Created

Looking forward to the day when veteran members of the Independent telephone industry would be joined together in a national organization for the purpose of perpetuating friendships and fostering and encouraging other worthy and appropriate activities, the Organization Committee met at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, on September 17, 1920 and perfected the plans for a permanent organization.

"By 1920, the Independent telephone industry's 'trail blazers' had created a new body of knowledge, a new science and a new technology, and built a tradition of service to the nation as they progressed."

Present at this meeting were: G. W. Robinson, chairman; Johnston; John Z. Miller; Frank F. Fowle; John F. Tompkins, temporary secretary; W. S. Vivian; W. J. Uhl; Henry Schaefer; E. M. Powell; E. C. Blomeyer; H. D Currier; Frank L. Eldridge; George Rodormer, and Stanley R. Edwards of *Telephony*.

Working to establish the basic tenets of the organization, the committee (1) reserved membership for telephone industry employees with 15 or more years of service and stipulated that the applicant, at the time of application, be employed in the Independent telephone industry or its allied interests; (2) the annual membership fee was established at $3.00 per year; and (3) approved a tentative constitution establishing the name of the organization as the "Independent Pioneer Telephone Association" (this has since been changed to "Independent Telephone Pioneer Association").

During the meeting Hart F. Farwell was elected president of the new organization and the man who had established the bases for forming an association that would perpetuate the ideals and traditions of the business and promote the fellowship formed as a natural result of working together, John Knox Johnston, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The passing year saw significant progress made and on February 5, 1921, the Organization Committee again met in Chicago. Also present were President Farwell; Walter J. Uhl, Logansport, Ind.; Frank V. Newman, LaPorte, Ind.; Claude R. Stoops, Nappanee, Ind.; John W. Coffey, Indianapolis, Ind.; and H. D. Currier, Frank L. Eldrige, George W. Rodormer, and W. S. Vivian, all of Chicago.

At this meeting the Organization Committee agreed to select an Executive Committee of nine members. Members of the Independent Pioneers' first executive committee were: W. J. Uhl, H. L. Beyer, W. S. Vivian, Frank S. Knapp, H. L. Harris, John Z. Miller, and G. W. Robinson.

Pioneers' First Annual Meeting

November 17, 1921 was a big and important day for the Independent Pioneer Telephone Association (now ITPA). The reason: The new organization's first annual meeting; the place, The Tiger Room of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

According to reporters covering the event, the first annual meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Hart F. Farwell, and The Tiger Room was packed with 507 telephone men, including 256 association members. A reporter of the day noted that *"social features excluded the ladies as they were entertained at a luncheon scheduled at the same time as the Pioneer Meeting. . . ."*. .

In his opening remarks, President Farwell emphasized that *"the force of the group in the room and the activities of those who have passed away had given America the greatest telephone system in the world. . . ."*

Following an entertainment session featuring the late E. C. Blomeyer as master of ceremonies, the Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of George W. Rodormer and composed of the following members Frank E. Bohn, Ft. Wayne, Ind., B. C. Philips, Marengo, Ia., K. B. Schotte, Kittanning, Pa., and H. M. Cox, Waco, Texas, nominated Harold L. Beyer, Grinnell, Ia. for president; R. I. Parker, Trayer, Ia., vice-president, Iowa Division, and recommended that all vice presidents and the secretary-treasurer hold office for the coming year.

> **"With the help of many dedicated men and women, the Independent Pioneers gradually strengthened their organization, extended its activities, became more useful through service, and formed Chapters and Clubs to bring Pioneering close to home . . ."**

Following election of the officers, J. L. W. Zietlow was elected a member of the Executive Committee and the group approved a motion of Secretary Johnston that the number of vice presidents be increased from 25 to a number not to exceed 49.

At that time the following industry members were serving as vice presidents:

E. D. Schade, Johnstown, Pa.
H. E. Bradley, Harrisburg, Pa.
Frank L. Beam, Mt. Vernon, Ohio
G. P. Thorpe, Wilmington, Ohio
C. E. Tarte, Grand Rapids, Mich.
J. B. Lockwood, Muskegon, Mich.
Martin Taylor, Lexington, Ky.
B. Y. Chambers, Moultrie, Ga.
W. G. Brorein, Tampa, Fla.
W. N. McAnge, Jr., Corinth, Miss.
Houck McHenry, Jefferson City, Mo.
R. B. Still, Tyler, Texas
J. L. W. Zeitlow, Aberdeen, S.D.
P. M. Ferguson, Mankato, Minn.
C. A. Rolfe, Redlands, Calif.
Frank V. Newman, LaPorte, Ind.
F. W. Twyman, Charlottesville, Va.
J. C. Duncan, Knoxville, Tenn.
W. H. Bryant, Mobile, Ala.
L. E. Hurtz, Lincoln, Neb.
G. R. Fuller, Rochester, N.Y.
C. L. Ovitt, Evansburg Falls, Vt.
Jay G. Mitchell, Springfield, Ill.
Frank L. Eldridge, Chicago, Ill.
H. D. Currier, Chicago, Ill.
Frank F. Fowle, Chicago, Ill.
F. B. MacKinnon, Washington, D.C.
C. C. Deering, Des Moines, Ia.
T. L. Youmans, Osawatomie, Kans.
W. F. Goodrich, LaCrosse, Wisc.
J. W. Coffee, Indianapolis, Ind.
J. P. Smith, Beach, N.D.

Seated at the speakers' table during the first annual meeting were: H. D. Critchfield, J. L. W. Zeitlow, Dr. I. A. Lumpkin, F. B. MacKinnon, C. C. Deering, G. W. Robinson, Perry C. Holdaegel, Theodore Gary, C. Y. McVey, J. K. Johnston and H. A. Barnhart

The Early Annual Meetings

Following the first annual meeting, the passing years saw significant progress in the growth of the new organization. The nation grew, the communications industry grew, and the Pioneers grew. Over 1,000 persons attended the second annual meeting of the Pioneers on October 26, 1922 in Chicago; H. E. Bradley was elected president, and Johnston was reelected secretary-treasurer. At the third annual meeting held in Chicago during October, 1923, the organization had 752 members, and Bradley was reelected president.

By 1924 more than 1,000 persons attended the Pioneer luncheon during the 28th annual convention of the United States Independent Telephone Association, held in Chicago, October 21-24 and reporters noted that "Pioneer activities were coming to be regarded as an indispensable part of the yearly gathering . . ." During the 1924 meeting, George R. Fuller, Rochester, N.Y. was elected president and Johnston was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Meeting in Chicago, October 13-16, 1925 during the 29th annual USITA convention, Frank A. Knapp, Bellevue, Ohio, was elected Pioneer president and Johnston kept his secretary-treasurer's post.

The Pioneers' 1925 meeting featured the close of the organization's first membership contest, with prizes for those obtaining the most new members. First prize of $100 went to George R. Fuller, Rochester, N.Y. who produced 46 applications; second prize of $75 was won by R. H. Burfeind, Chicago, 32 applications; B. A. Ogden, Columbus, Ohio, with 15 applications won the $50 third place prize: and the $25 fourth prize went to Carl W. Shearer, Butler, Pa., four applications.

By 1926 the Pioneer membership total had reached 870 and more than 1,000 persons attended the Pioneer luncheon, held during the 30th annual USITA convention in Chicago, October 11-15. During this meeting E. D. Glandon, Pittsfield, Ill., was elected president of the Pioneers and Johnston was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Holding their 7th annual meeting during the 31st annual USITA convention in Chicago, the Pioneers decided to build a permanent collection of old-time telephone apparatus and several items were exhibited at the October, 1927 gathering. E. D. Schade was named president of the Pioneers and Johnston was reelected secretary-treasurer.

And so went the first few years. Membership gains were not large but by 1930 the membership roll had grown to 1,033 names, a gain of 97 over 1929.

From the Past Into the Future

Guided by the goals established by its founder, John Knox Johnston, the Independent Pioneer organization moved forward. Living up to such aims, the Pioneer officers and members proved to the Independent telephone industry that *"This is going to be a good organization—it is one that will always be needed . . ."*

With the help of many dedicated men and women, the Independent Pioneers gradually strength-

Front Cover Story

■ ITPA members who are coming to Honolulu in October for the USITA Convention are in for an unexpected bonus. Each year in October, Hawaii celebrates Aloha Week with many Polynesian festivities.

Aloha Week is a festival of and by Hawaii's people and a show case of Hawaiian history. It was first produced in 1947.

At first the festival was only one week of festivities, one week of celebration built around one word, the word "Aloha." But it has expanded to an entire month of celebration held on all the major islands of the Hawaiian archipelago. Each island produces its festivities in its own style, lavishly on the island of Oahu and with the old fashioned spontaneity still found on the neighboring islands.

October was once the month of the historic Hawaiian "Makahiki," when chiefs of ancient Hawaii accepted "taxes" from their people in the name of the god Lono. After these "taxes" were paid everyone, chiefs and commoners alike, began a year-end festival of aloha and mahalo to Lono for the bountiful gifts which they had received from the land.

Because of this, October was selected as the month of the annual Aloha Week festival, a month during which extra emphasis is placed on the heritage of Hawaii and its preservation in song, dance, pageantry and "Aloha" for the new generation of these Hawaiian and Hawaiian in heart.

Of special interest to the members of the John A. Balch Chapter of ITPA is the floral parade on the first Saturday of Oahu's festivities. We have entered floats for many years and gathered our share of awards. Last year we walked away with the Grand Sweepstakes Award over 28 other floats. Pictures of the float and the award *(See front cover)* are courtesy of Hawaiian Telephone Company's public relations department.

All visiting ITPA members are cordially invited to attend the parade and if you want to participate in the construction, the Friday night before the big day is usually a beehive of activity as the float takes shape. See you in October!—Otto Orenstein, President John A Balch Chapter.

"Bound together by common loyalties and shared goals . . ."

ened the organization, extended its activities, became more useful through service, and formed Chapters and Clubs to bring Pioneering closer to home.

Truly, the *"seed of Independent telephone Pioneering began to sprout in every direction"* and the Association spread across the nation, strengthening the organization's purpose with *"grass roots"* programs, until today nearly 12,000 men and women belong to the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) and 23 Chapters and 28 Clubs are bringing Pioneering to the "front door" of ITPA members.

And down through the years, ITPA members who have worked side-by-side in the creation and building of the Independent telephone industry have formed lasting friendships. They are bound together by common loyalties, mutual feelings of friendship and shared goals of service.

Their social programs run the gamut from dances, picnics, tours and parties designed to appeal to everyone, to theatre outings, fashion shows and sports tournaments which respond to more individual interests.

However, ITPA members are not exclusively preoccupied with fellowship and fun. Today, as the result of direction given the organization by its officers and directors, ITPA's Chapters and Clubs undertake projects of wider scope to extend *"many hands of service"* in three main areas—Community Service, Educational, and Fellowship.

To stimulate greater activity in such areas, ITPA has established the following Service Awards for presentation to Chapters or Clubs:

(1) **Community Service Award:**—A special plaque awarded to the Chapter or Club that has achieved meritorious distinction during the year in any activity that has significantly benefited the organization's local community.

(2) **Educational Award:**—A special plaque awarded to the Chapter or Club judged to have personally developed and conducted the most beneficial program of education in any field.

(3) **Fellowship Award:**—A special plaque awarded to the Chapter or Club that conducted an activity that significantly benefited mankind and developed good fellowship. (This group effort must go beyond local community boundaries.

By bringing the creed of service to the front and aiming it at social problems, ITPA has created a new dimension in Pioneering that provides its members with opportunities to use their talents and skills to help others.

The "Pioneer Hall of Fame," the Pioneer "Creed," ITPA's growing list of activities, the special "Service Awards," all prove that John Knox Johnston was correct when he stated a few years before his death at the age of 88 that *"the industry and its companies and its people are better because of the Independent Pioneer organization . . ."*

Looking ahead as ITPA celebrates its 50th anniversary of service, the Association's future is bright. Its members, like all Pioneers in any industry, have always regarded the past as a foundation for the future. They do not look backward. They do look forward to new problems, new challenges. Their plans anticipate the needs of telephone men and women yet to come.

In the '70s several thousand Independent telephone men and women will become eligible for membership in ITPA as they complete their 15 years of service to the telephone industry. This influx of new eligibles will swell ITPA's ranks and new Pioneers will join with veteran Pioneers to demonstrate their admiration, conviction and faith in the future of the communications business.

> **"Today, Independent Pioneers who worked together in the creation and building of the Independent telephone industry are bound together by common loyalties, mutual feelings of friendship, and shared goals of service . . ."**

With such goals inspiring the activities of each ITPA Chapter and Club, we believe as the ITPA founder, John Knox Johnston believed, that the companies and the communities throughout our great nation *"are better for the Pioneers being there and will become better as more industry members join ITPA and become active participants in its activities."*

That word "participation" is a key word to ITPA's continued growth. In the future, as in the past, the Independent Pioneers will always need more people and more leaders—all actively concerned with advancing the Association's goals, believing in what Pioneering stands for, and convinced of its value to the individual, the industry, the company, and the nation.

Given such members and such leadership, certainly the one sure thing in today's world of uncertainities is that the Independent Pioneers, by their abilities and leadership in the business, and also by their thoughtful participation in public affairs in their communities, will continue to make contributions of first importance to the whole future of communications and to all the people serving in, and served by, the Independent telephone industry. ■

Special Hawaii Travel Program

A special travel program has been designed exclusively for members of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) desiring to travel to Honolulu in connection with the 73rd Annual Convention of the United States Independent Telephone Association, October 11-15.

Program "A", Honolulu, Oct. 10-18

October 10:—New York and Chicago Pioneers will board their American aircraft and continue to Honolulu. Upon arrival in Honolulu transfer to the Ilikai Hotel.

October 11-17:—Attend the USITA Convention and "Aloha Week" Parade on Saturday, October 17.

October 18:—Depart Honolulu for homeward bound flights. Those who wish to continue their stay on the Neighbor-Island Program will transfer to the airport for their flight to Kauai.

Trip Price:—Based on Boarding in: New York, $515.00; Chicago, $455.00; Single supplement, $80.00.

Trip Price Includes: Round trip air fare from New York or Chicago based on the "Individual Tour Basing Fare"; eight nights hotel accommodations at the Ilikai based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with arrival October 10 and departure October 18, 1970; Travel Service Package includes Orchid Lei greeting at Honolulu Airport, in-bound transfer to the Ilikai Hotel; VIP baggage handling with gratuities to porters and bellmen, and a cruise of Pearl Harbor. Not Included:—Items of a personal nature such as liquor, laundry, Meals, return transfer.

Program "B", 5-Day Neighbor Island Tour

October 18:—Transfer from the Ilikai Hotel to Honolulu Airport for your flight to Kauai, the Garden Isle. Upon arrival, see the Sleeping Giant and legendary Holein Mountain (Anahola). Continue to beautiful Kalihihwai and on to your hotel. Overnight in Kauai.

October 19:—Visit the Nawiliwili Harbor; view the menehune fishponds, visit Moir's Gardens and Koloa. Your tour will take you to Waimea Canyon, Poipu Beach, and many other exciting places of interest on the island. Overnight at your hotel.

October 20:—Transfer to Lihue airport for your flight to Maui, The Valley Isle. Upon arrival motor to Kula and later the Iao Valley to see the "Needle," a fern covered Volcanic spire to Lahaina, old whaling center and former capital of the islands. Overnight in Maui.

October 21:—Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kona. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for a short period of leisure. In the afternoon your tour will visit the Kona District, City of Refuge at Honaunau; the Painted Church of St. Benedict; old battle grounds and other points of interest. Return to your hotel for overnight.

October 22:—You will depart your hotel this morning for a motorcoach tour across the "Big Island" to Hilo. Enroute you will visit the famed Black Sand Beach at Punaluu, and Hawaii National Park. In the afternoon you will see the great fern forests, Rainbow falls, orchid and anthurium nurseries, parks, etc. After your tour you will arrive at Hilo Airport for your homeward-bound flight.

Trip Price:—$188.00 per person based on sharing a twin room: $247.00 for single accommodations.

Trip Price Includes:—Air fare through the Neighbor Islands; All hotel accommodations; a complete program of sightseeing; porterage and bell boy tips, baggage handling, Hawaiian tour escort.

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE PIONEERS' PROGRAM
RESERVATIONS REQUEST FORM

Detach and Mail (Rush) to:
Travel Consultants, Inc.
1025 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20036

Name ______________________________

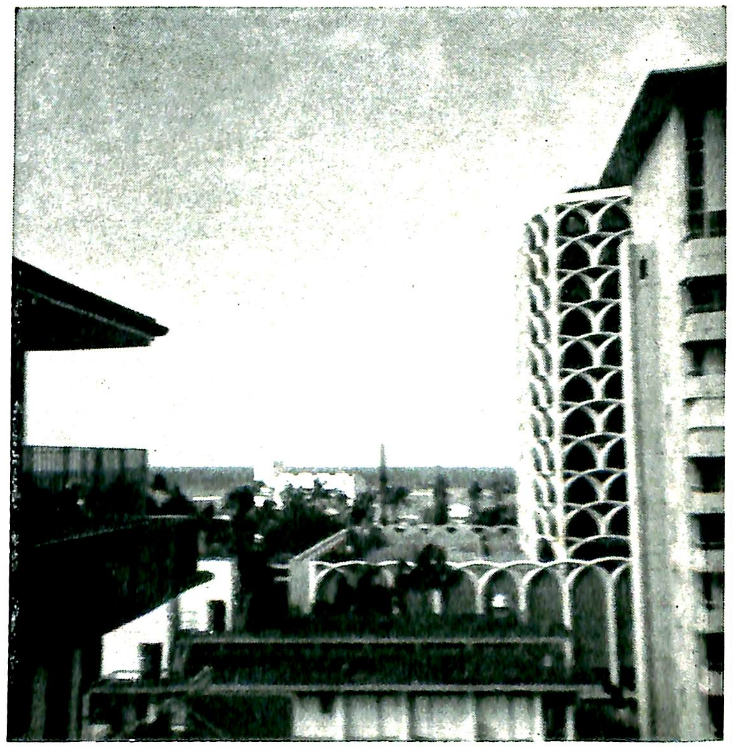
Address ______________________________

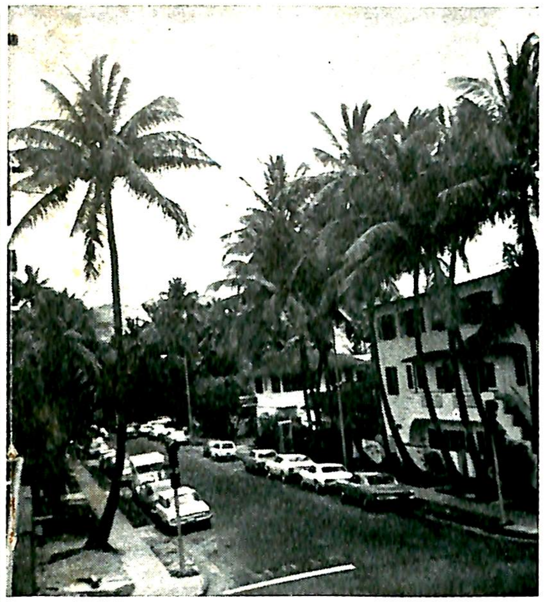
City/State ______________________ **Telephone** __________

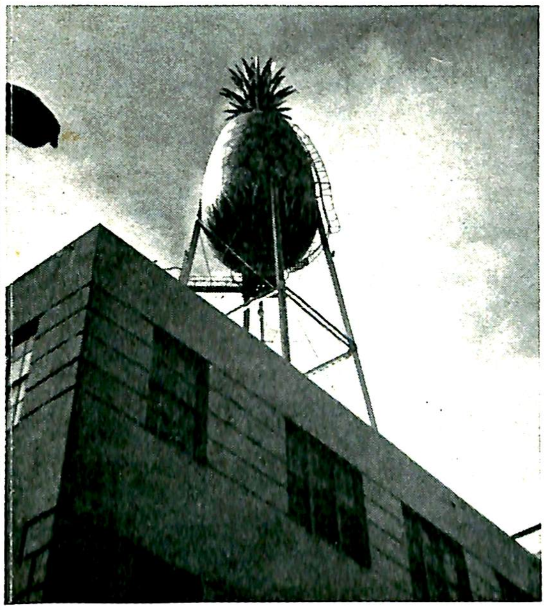
Others in Party ______________________________

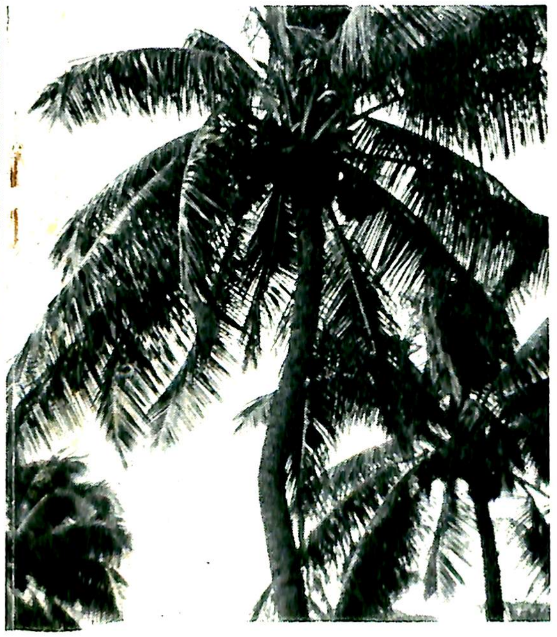
Please confirm reservations for my party on
☐ **Pioneer Program "A"—Honolulu, October 10-18, 1970.**
☐ **Pioneer Program "B"—Neighbor Islands, October 18-23, 1970**
Based on boarding in ☐ **NEW YORK** ☐ **CHICAGO on October 10.**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $__________ **to serve as deposit on the above reservations. ($75.00 per person Pioneer Program "A". $125.00 per person Pioneer Program "B".)**









ITPA Executive Committee Meets: Plans 50th Anniversary Meeting

Plans made for ITPA's 50th Anniversary Meeting and Dinner--Entertainment Session, during USITA's 73rd annual convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 11-15. John A. Balch Chapter plans "Royal Welcome" for all Pioneers. Order your Pioneer Dinner tickets now; use reservation form on page 27.

■ MEMBERS of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) Executive Committee met July 29, in the Board Room of General Telephone Directory Company, Des Plaines, Ill.

Members of the committee and other officers and directors present were: Jack LaMaster, ITPA president; H. H. Butler, secretary-treasurer; K. C. Gillette; Patricia Muir, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ellen Neale; Paul R. Parsons; Duncan Price; John G. Reynolds; M. J. Robinson; and Bert L. Steele.

As the meeting started Chairman LaMaster thanked all the committee members for coming to the hurriedly-called meeting, and a moment of silent prayer was offered for ITPA's Vice President, Phillip J. Lucier who died on July 24.

It was moved by Member Reynolds and carried that notice of the Executive Committee meeting, as required by the By Laws, be waived since all members were in attendance. The board meeting scheduled for July 29 in St. Louis had been cancelled due to the death of the host-to-be, Vice President Lucier.

1970 Convention:—LaMaster reported to the committee that after obtaining the opinions of many people including Otto Orenstein, president of the John Balch Chapter, Honolulu, it was decided to have the 9-course Chinese dinner as the principal event of the 1970 ITPA meeting. The dinner will be served with as much pomp and ceremony as possible and will include a Chinese priest who will offer grace and propose a toast between courses. Plans are being made for the attendance of two members of the Balch Chapter at each table to explain customs or answer any questions which the mainlanders have. With this in mind, it was suggested that ITPA sell tables of eight (for those buying tables) to accomodate the people from the Balch Chapter.

The go-ahead was given to order the 50th Anniversary medallion. Price and Reynolds are going to investigate the possibility of inserting the medallion in the anniversary program. If this is possible, Price may have the Frank Davies Club undertake the insertion task. If the medallion cannot be inserted in the program, it will be mounted similar to the sample shown at the meeting. The cost of the medallion and program, approximately $1.50 per copy, is to be included in the cost of the ticket to the banquet.

The entertainment has been definitely set as the Kailua High School Madrigal Singers. In addition, the Hall of Fame and Activities awards will be presented. There had been some question as to whether they could be made during the Chinese dinner. However, the officers of the John Balch Chapter have stated that the awards could be presented.

1970 Convention Schedule:—The Board of Directors will meet at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 11 in the Empire Room of the Hawaiian

Village. Director Reynolds has offered to host a Cocktail Party in his suite prior to the Board of Directors dinner in the Gold Room on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 a.m. the Pioneers will have an "Eye Opener" Continental breakfast in the Tapa Room with juice, coffee and roll at no charge. During the "Eye Opener," the Pioneer's Annual Meeting will be held. It is hoped that the Balch Chapter members will be able to attend. As a drawing card to bring out the members at 7:30 a.m. ITPA hopes to have some major attraction. Two possibilities were mentioned: One idea is to have a few members of the Kailua Madrigal Singers give a preview of their Tuesday evening performance. The other idea is that the entertainment from the previous night's manufacturers' party would come down and talk with the members and sign autographs, etc.

Financial Statement and Budget!—After a review of the Financial Statement and proposed 1971 Budget, a change in the figure for the Pioneer Bulletin was made. The new figure for the Bulletin expense is $13,700. This would change the total expenditures to $71,150 and would make expenditures over income for the year of $1,450. The Budget, upon motion of Member Reynolds, was approved with these changes. President LaMaster directed that a letter be prepared for his signature to USITA requesting the continuance of the $25,000 appropriation and express thanks to USITA for its continuing support of Pioneer activities.

New Tax Law:—The Tax Reform Act of 1969 amended the law applicable to organizations, such as the Pioneers, and some tax rules relating to the years beginning in 1970 and thereafter are different from rules for prior years. A memorandum is to be sent to all chapters and clubs explaining in detail. In essence the memo will state that:

(1) The source of income must be identified and segregated as well as expenses incurred in deriving the income.

(2) The disposition of income must be identified and segregated.

(3) Tax must be paid on all income (other than members' dues) that is not set aside for religious, charitable or educational purposes.

Philip J. Lucier Scholarship Fund:—A study will be made for presentation at the Board Meeting in October proposing that ITPA establishing a plan for a regular donation to the Phillip J. Lucier Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame University. In the meantime, upon motion of Member Reynolds, the Committee approved a donation of $100 to be sent to this fund in the name of ITPA.

Membership Report:—ITPA membership has gained 1,464 new active members, 108 new auxiliaries and five new associates as of July 1. At the same time there were 782 delinquent active members, 38 delinquent auxiliaries and 23 delinquent associates.

Organization:—Members of ITPA's Executive Committee expressed their belief that much work must be done on defining chapter, unaffiliated club and affiliated club as well as laying down the boundaries of each. To date, the ITPA plan has been patterned after Telephone Pioneers of America. The Executive Committee believes that more chapters should be organized and the explanation of procedures to clubs and chapters on chapter affiliation could be beneficial. Price is to look into the subject and present his committee's recommendations to the Executive Committee prior to the Board Meeting in October, 1970.

Retired Status:—The Executive Committee decided that should a company not provide a paid-up retired membership for its retirees, the chapters or clubs should be encouraged to find other sources of payment. Speaking for the smaller telephone companies, Member Parsons stated "paid-up retired memberships presented to employees on retirement is a good idea," and should be encouraged.

Activities Report:—According to Director Bert Steele, chairman of ITPA's Activities Committee, ITPA will have three educational awards and one community service award to be presented at the dinner in October. During the discussion of the awards, members of the Executive Committee stated that other chapters and clubs could have been recipients of awards if adequate reports had been given to Chairman Steele, and chapters and clubs must be encouraged to report their activities direct to the committee.

Mexico Tour:—Ken Gillette, chairman of the Travel Committee, asked for Executive Committee approval to proceed with the plans he has prepared for a trip to Mexico in 1971. An agency has been selected and the itinerary is being established. It was moved by Member Parsons and carried that the Travel Committee report be approved.

Mexico Chapter:—Member Gillette reported that no definite commitments have been made. However ITPA hopes to have the President of Telephonos as its guest in October and discuss the formation of a Mexican chapter.

Resolutions:—Member Parsons moved that the following resolutions be approved and the motion was carried: (1) Resolution welcoming the Bunova Pioneer Club, Butler, Pa., and thanking William F. Walker for spearheading the organization drive: (2) resolution welcoming the Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club, Winter Park, Fla., and thanking John L. Hanlon and the Galloways for organizing the club; (3) resolution welcoming the Presque Isle Pioneers Club, Erie, Pa., and thanking John Letterio, Carrie Sciamanda and William Bennett for their work in organizing the club; (4) resolution welcoming the Virl A. Watkins Club, Princeton, Ind., and thanking C. Kightly Trippet who spearheaded the organizing program.

Associate Membership Report:—The Committee has been soliciting the "drop outs." Six new members were reported. New manufacturers are checked out at National State conventions having exhibits. ■

CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING

At the direction of the Board of Directors, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association will be held in the Tapa Room, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, at 7:30 a.m., Monday, October 12, 1970.

Herbert H. Butler
Secretary
August 15, 1970

Hawaii Offers Sand and Surf . . .

ON EACH of the four major Hawaiian islands coventioners have numerous ways to spend their spare time.

If sports are the primary interest, there is a wide variety from which to choose. Water sports are a natural, but there is also golf, deep sea fishing, tennis, hiking, hunting and riding. Sightseeing can be broken up with little picnics and a chance to "get away from it all." Some hotels will supply picnic baskets of the "loaf of bread, jug of wine" variety.

Waikiki is the "fun center" of Honolulu. Visitors can tour the Polynesian night clubs: dance under the stars: taste Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian or European gourmet foods: or sample some of the many cultural, art and musical events.

Among the historical sites reflecting some of the past of Hawaii are Nuuanu Pali Lookout, where King Kamehameha the Great fought a spectacular battle in 1795, old missionary houses erected 1821; Iolani Palace, the only royal palace in the United States, and Pearl Harbor, which played such a big part in the lives of most Americans in 1941.

West of Oahu is Kauai, known as the "Garden Isle." This island is the oldest of the Hawaiian chain and also has the lushest vegetation.

This is also the island on which "South Pacific" was filmed. A boat trip up a winding river leads to the Fern Grotto, a beautiful, green-covered cavern. This romantic hideaway is used by many island couples for their marriage ceremony.

On Kauai a chartered helicopter will fly a twosome to a lonely, inaccessible beach and leave them, returning at a pre-arranged time to pick them up.

Maui, the "Valley Island" is dominated by the soaring Haleakala Crater. It also provides the opportunity to stroll along white beaches or to recapture Hawaii's whaling days in the charming old port town of Lahaina.

The largest island in the chain, the island of Hawaii, produces so many orchids that it is also known as the "Orchid Isle."

Providing a contrast to the many orchids grown there, are the waxy anthuriums in tree fern forests. Volcanoes on the island are still sometimes active and the black sand beaches are another attraction for tourists.

The prime attraction of Hawaii is still the sun, sand, and surf, all offering hours of peaceful relaxation. ■

1970 PIONEER DINNER

We wish to order ______ tickets at $10.00 each for the Pioneer Dinner & Entertainment, at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, at the "Dome" of the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii. Tables will be set for ten persons, including two members of John A. Balch Chapter. You may purchase as many or as few tickets as you wish.

Our check in the amount of $______ is enclosed to cover the cost of the above tickets. NUMBER OF TABLES ______.

Requests for tickets to be purchased in advance should be received in this office *not later than September 25, 1970*, in order to allow time for delivery.

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Company

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Address

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Signature, Title

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL TODAY. Send to INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE PIONEER ASSOCIATION, 438 Pennsylvania Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20004. Thank you!

pioneer "news highlights"

ITPA's 1st Vice President Phil Lucier Killed in Car Bomb Explosion

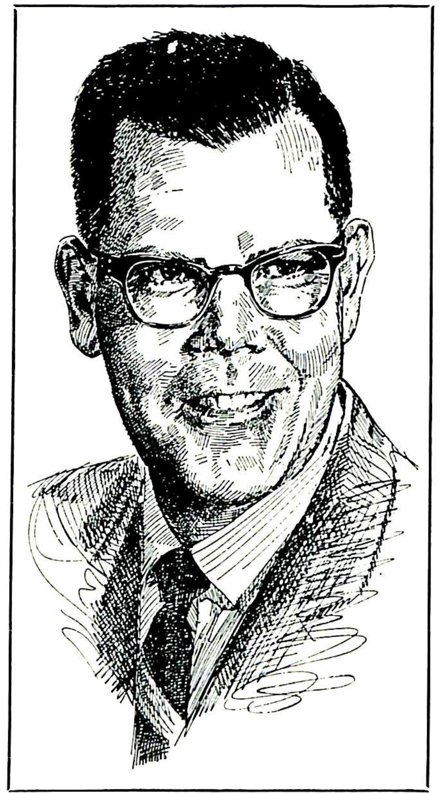
■ PHILLIP J. LUCIER, president of the Continental Telephone Corp., Clayton, Mo., and ITPA's first vice president, was killed July 24 when he turned the ignition of his car and set off a pipe bomb planted beneath the seat.

Two vice presidents of the firm, **James L. Robb** and **James V. Napier,** both of the St. Louis area, who were returning from lunch with Lucier, were uninjured although they had just opened the doors of the black Fleetwood Cadillac to enter. Lucier, 49, had jumped in ahead of the vice presidents to "cool it off," apparently meaning he would start the air conditioning in the car.

Maj. Herbert Johnston, assistant chief of the Clayton Police Department, said the device was wired to the ignition and apparently went off when Lucier turned the ignition switch. He said the bomb was what is usually called a "pipe bomb," galvanized pipe filled with black powder. It was placed under the front seat on the driver's side, Johnston said.

The car was parked in a lot at the Pierre Laclede Building, a few blocks from the Continental Telephone building in the suburban Clayton business district. The three had been eating at the St. Louis Club in the building.

Police said they did not know who would want to kill Lucier, who was the founder and first president of the company. Police checked other cars in the area and executives at Continental requested a check of all company cars, but no other bombs were found.



PHILLIP J. LUCIER
1921-1970

Phil Lucier was at the height of a brilliant career. Having grown up in a telephone family where his father was an executive with United Telephone of Indiana, he joined Stromberg-Carlson's sales department shortly after Navy duty in World War II. He left S-C as vice president of its Credit Corporation in 1961 to become the first and only president of Continental Tel, now the third largest Independent company with over 1,600,000 stations.

Lucier was a past director of the USITA, director and first vice president of ITPA, and also energetic in behalf of private education. An example of this is the Philip J. Lucier Fund established at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame. Phil leaves his wife, Marcella, and 11 children.

"Phil Lucier's contribution to Continental was enormous," said Wohlstetter, his business associate in the founding of CTC. "As one of the founders of the company he helped fashion an organization capable of building—in less than 10 years—a $1.5 million investment into an operating and manufacturing enterprise of 14,000 employees, assets of more than $1 billion, annual revenues of more than $300 million and net income of more than $30 million annually. This organization Phil Lucier helped build will maintain Continental's impressive growth."

Following the shocking bomb death of its president, the Continental Telephone Corp. realigned its top management team to direct affairs of the company. The action was taken in a special board of directors meeting held in St. Louis on July 27, only hours after telephone industry leaders and friends had gathered in St. Roch's Catholic Church to pay final respect to Lucier.

James L. Robb, 49, will replace Lucier on the three-man executive committee of the board of directors, joining Chairman **Charles Wohlstetter** and **J. P. (Jack) Maguire.** Robb, who in May moved from Superior-Continental into operations, will continue to direct manufacturing and carry the titles of president of the manufacturing division of CTC and group vice president. Maguire, 58, will continue to head telephone operations under the titles of group vice president and president of the telephone division. The office of corporate president was not filled.

In the same action, **James V. Napier,** 33, was elected vice president-administration and finance and will further serve as assistant to the chairman of the executive committee, Wohlstetter.

Heins Telephone Company Honors 29 Pioneers

■ TO HONOR its 29 employees, their wives and husbands, and three Auxiliary Pioneer members, the Heins Telephone Company, Sanford, N.C., gave a Hamburger Roast recently at the Buffalo Lake cottage of **Joe** and **Bill Lawrence,** two of the Pioneers. **Miss Mary Jon Lloyd,** recipient of the second Scholarship Award given by the Tar Heel Chapter of ITPA and a daughter of a Pioneer, was a special guest.

Supper included hamburgers with all the trimmings, three delicious cakes made by **Isabel Lawrence,** an Auxiliary member, and tea, coffee, and other cold drinks. In spite of the rain, skiing and boating with **Bill Lawrence** and son, **Richard,** as "Captains" were enjoyed by some "hardy" souls—**Hazel Oliver, Alice Utley, Geneva Sloan, Julian Mansfield,** and **A. J. Gaster.**

Others enjoying the occasion were **Max T. Heins** and **Mrs. Helen B. Heins,** president and secretary of the Heins company; **Gladys Lloyd, Jackie Gaster, Rachael Mansfield, Mrs. Margit Galocsy, Virginia Partington, Isabel Lawrence, Mary Ellen** and **Harry Osborn, Lora** and **W. C. Branch, Betty** and **Howard Tucker, Mary Dell** and **David Riddle, Lois** and **"Corky" Jourdan, "Noonie"** and **Bobbie Noonan, Annie Maude** and **Clarence McNeill, Magdalene** and **Alan Galocsy,** and **Betty** and **Joe Lawrence.**

Royal Palm Club Sponsors Golf Tourney

■ THE Royal Palm Pioneer Club which was chartered in early 1970, held its first Pioneer golf tournament on May 16, at the Golden Gate Country Club, Naples, Fla., as part of a state-wide elimination tournament.

Winners in golf tournament, sponsored by ITPA's Royal Palm Pioneer Club, Ft. Meyers, Fla., were (l. to r.) CHUCK MCCORMICK (low gross award, with a 74) and ED CURTIS (low net award, with 73 after applying a 9 handicap).

The Royal Palm Pioneer Club turned out 15 golfers in their first attempt at this type of activity with **Chuck McCormick** winning the low gross award with a 74 and **Ed Curtis** coming in with a low net of 73 after applying a 9 handicap. **Oscar Holway,** club president, plans to escort his two champion golfers to the state tournament.

Paul Grauer Elected Pres., Jayhawk Chapter

■ THE ANNUAL meeting of ITPA's Jayhawk Chapter was held on May 13 in conjunction with the Mid-America Telephone Convention. Sixteen members and guests were in attendance. President **Don .R. Phelps** presided and called the meeting to order; **Thomas E. Gleason,** secretary-treasurer, served as secretary.

Reviewing activities of the chapter during the previous year, and reporting on the success of the chapter picnic held at the Milford Reservoir in July, Phelps recommended that the chapter consider at least a yearly family outing for members. The president also reported that he no longer resided in Kansas and requested the election of a new president.

Election of officers and directors was declared to be the next order of business and the following persons were nominated and unanimously elected: President, **Paul Grauer;**

New Pioneer Tour To Hawaii

THE RESPONSE to the two week charter flight to Hawaii for ITPA members has had to be canceled due to lack of response. As the deadline approached, there were less than one third the number who must be registered in order to qualify for the charter. This is as great a disappointment to us at headquarters as it is to all of you.

ITPA is not leaving you in the lurch, however! ITPA's Washington office has had Travel Consultants make up a special ITBF (Individual Tour Basing Fare) "package" for Pioneers which ITPA feels will more nearly meet the needs of its members. ITBF is the lowest possible *guaranteed* rate which, for Hawaii, operates the same as a group fare saving from $50.00 to $80.00 over the next lowest fare. It operates whether one person or one hundred people go.

The new "package" will consist of air fare (between New York or Chicago), one week's stay at the Ilikai Hotel and Travel Services Package. It will provide for your arrival in Honolulu on Saturday night before convention (October 10) and allow you to stay through Saturday, October 17, for the Aloha Week Parade where, hopefully, the Balch Chapter will again bring home the honors for the Pioneers. If your plans permit, there will be an optional tour of the other Islands beginning on Sunday, October 18, or you can return to the mainland.

In addition, this tour will include the traditional Orchid Lei Greeting upon arrival at Honolulu Airport, private car transfer from the airport to your hotel, VIP baggage handling and gratuities for baggage handling, plus, a four-hour sightseeing excursion through historic Pearl Harbor.

Of necessity, this tour will cost more than the original charter plan but is the very best ITPA could do under the circumstances. ITPA's Washington office hopes its members will rush their reservations as time is short. All reservations and deposits must be made by a certain time or the air lines and hotels will *not* hold the space. Both will be at a premium since our convention coincides with the Aloha Week festivities—the biggest celebration in the Islands!

All reservations MUST be arranged through Travel Consultants, Inc. A registration form is enclosed in this magazine for your convenience. *Please send it along with your deposit directly to Travel Consultants.* If you have any questions about the tour, contact Travel Consultants and they will be happy to help you in any way they can.—**Patricia Mour,** assistant ITPA secretary.

Vice-President, **Dean Cunningham;** and Secretary-Treasurer, **Thomas E. Gleason.**

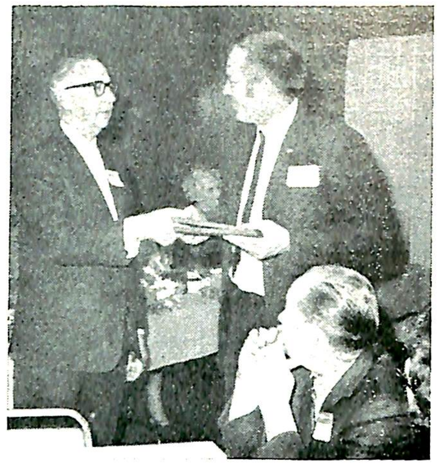
Directors for the term expiring with the annual meeting in 1973 are: **Curtis Whitecotton, Al Mages,** and **Glen Cree. William T. Hollis** was elected director for the term expiring with the annual meeting in 1971, to fill the unexpired term of **Don R. Phelps.**

Treasurer Gleason reported that the chapter currently had on hand $696.38, and a brief review of the year's expenditure was presented.

Following a general discussion of chapter activities and plans for 1971, President Phelps introduced **Jack LaMaster,** national president of ITPA, who gave a resume of the activities of the organization. LaMaster noted a general increase in membership, and urged that the chapter consider an effort toward the organization of several clubs throughout the state. He discussed the possibility of organizing clubs in the Dodge City, Junction City and Kansas City areas. Newly elected president Grauer suggested that the chapter strive to complete the organization of three new clubs.

Mrs. B. Ellen Neale, Topeka, Kans., generously offered to donate $25.00 to each of the three clubs to be organized during the year, with one club to be in eastern Kansas, one in central Kansas, and one in western Kansas.

During the general discussion, it was recommended that the chapter make an effort to distribute at least a quarterly newsletter to all members, reflecting the activities of the Chapter and any affiliated clubs. **Jack Robinson** Volunteered the assistance of Cable Spinning Co., Topeka, in printing and distributing such newsletter.



During first banquet of ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club, President ORA WESTRUP, Mattoon, Ill., presents certificate to CARL MURPHY, Shelbyville.

ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Club Holds First Annual Banquet

Seated at head table of first annual banquet of ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club, Mattoon, Ill., are (r. to l.): Mr. and Mrs. R. A. LUMPKIN; Mr. and Mrs. ORA WESTRUP; Mr. and Mrs. SAM OWNE; Mr. and Mrs. BOB CARLYLE, and Mr. and Mrs. LEW STIFF.

■ THE IVERSON A. LUMPKIN Pioneer Club, Mattoon, Ill., received its charter August 10, 1969, and appropriately held its first annual banquet during the 50th Anniversary of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association and the 75th Anniversary of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company. Those in attendance enjoyed the thrill of seeing a brand new club become a reality. The 180 active and retired members of this new club represent 4,054 years of telephone service. The meeting was held at Shelbyville where Iverson A. Lumpkin actually started his business career.

Speaking of the banquet, **O. M. Westrup,** president of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, and newly elected president of ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club, gave a history of Consolidated Telephone and its founder, Iverson A. Lumpkin.

Commenting that the choice of a name for "our Independent Pioneer Club was an easy one," Westrup stated that, "Naturally, it goes to the man who is identified with the early history of the telephone business in Mattoon, Ill.

"His date of birth preceded by only four years the birth of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone," Westrup reported. "As a natural consequence, he became fascinated in later years with the product of Bell's invention and determined to see the telephone used to serve the needs of our growing communities."

Westrup stated that Iverson A. Lumpkin was born in Missouri more than 125 years ago. During Civil War days, about 1865, Dr. I. A., as company employees refer to him, took employment with a railroad company known as the "Alton and Terre Haute." It was later to become the New York Central and Shelbyville was about midpoint between its two terminals. He was in his early twenties and he spent many nights in Shelbyville, Ill., at the end of his run.

"The story is told," Westrup said, "that on one of those occasions, while spending an evening in Shelbyville, he noticed in the window of a local photography shop an advertisement seeking a photographer's apprentice. Being of an inquiring nature, the young railroader decided to step inside to see what the position offered. Having been told that the apprenticeship would take no longer than two months, he decided to give it a try. Thereafter, he learned the art of photography and became a photographer. It so happened that the owner of the business was also engaged in the practice of dentistry. Having mastered the art of photography, our young hero decided that he would like to become a full-fledged partner in the business. . . ."

ORA WESTRUP, president of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co., Mattoon, Ill., and president of ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club presents certificates to retired members during the club's first annual banquet. Shown (l. to r.) are: WESTRUP; LENA MICHELETTA, Hillsboro; BEULAH MILLER, Raymond; and MABEL KRANICH, Litchfield.

Reporting that during this period Dr. Lumpkin met a young lady who was later to become his wife, Margaret P. Cutler, a native of Shelbyville, Westrup stated that following his wife's death in 1892, Dr. I. A. turned his attention to the telephone. Bell had invented the instrument in 1876 and the patents would be expiring in 1893 and 1894. Up to that time, the Bell System had built and operated exchanges primarily in the large metropolitan centers. Little progress had been made toward bringing telephone service to rural and smaller urban areas.

"With the expiration of the Bell patents," Westrup said, "many foresaw a need for expanding telephone service in areas not then served by the Bell System. This marked the beginning of what we now call the "Independent" segment of the telephone industry. The exchange at Litchfield, Ill., is generally believed to be the first independent property constructed in Illinois. It is said to have been started in 1893. In 1894, a number of independent companies came into being. Exchanges were built in LaGrange, Pontiac, Belvidere, Bloomington and Mattoon, Ill.

Commenting that Dr. Lumpkin was instrumental in starting the exchange at Mattoon, Ill., Westrup said "There were skeptics, of course, and even some of his associates cautioned him against buying a switchboard capable of serving more than 100 telephones."

"Fortunately," Westrup stated, "he was not greatly influenced by such shortsighted views. He moved steadily ahead, building lines and providing telephone service not only in the urban areas, but the rural territory, in Coles County, Ill., as well.

Emphasizing that "As with any new business, there were problems that seemed almost insurmountable," Westrup stated, "The matter of long distance calling was a far cry from what we know it to be today."

"In fact," he said, "telephone calls between exchanges were not existent, at least in the Independent segment of the industry. Interexchange lines for the most part were owned by the Bell System and there was no arrangement for interconnection with Independent companies. Individual Independent companies had been unable to obtain from the Bell System permission to connect their lines with those of the Bell System. It soon became apparent to the Independent companies that it would be necessary for them to unite in a joint effort to bring about an agreement that would permit unlimited long distance calling."

Stating that Dr. Iverson A. Lumpkin led this effort not only in Illinois, but in other states, as well, Westrup reported, "There are numerous accounts of his having called meetings in Chicago and Indianapolis, Detroit and other cities, for the purpose of furthering the common cause of the independent telephone companies."

"There was considerable animosity between Independent telephone companies and the Bell System because of the unwillingness of the Bell System to permit independent companies to interconnect with their lines," he said. "As an example of prevailing attitudes, Dr. I. A., while he was presiding over one such meeting, asked for a roll call in order to determine whether the meeting had been infiltrated by persons opposing interests of the independents. He even went so far as to advocate an Independent telephone switching center, perhaps in Chicago, or some other central location."

Commenting that "Dr. I. A. was

made of tough fiber—the sort that characterizes him as an Independent Pioneer," Westrup states that "In his footsteps, he was followed by Dr. William Cutler Lumpkin."

"Unlike his father," Westrup said, "Dr. Will had the benefit of formal dental training at Rush Medical College. Upon his graduation, he entered the practice of dentistry but eventually gave it up, taking over active management of Coles County Telephone & Telegraph Company. He carried on until January, 1924, when he met his untimely death in an auto accident. Thereafter, the Company grew and prospered under the capable leadership of Richard A. Lumpkin, grandson of the noted pioneer."

According to Westrup, the name, Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, under which the company now operates, had its beginning with the chartering of the company in April, 1924. The Company was organized to acquire the telephone properties in Christian and Montgomery Counties. Later in the year it acquired the Litchfield exchange, perhaps the first Independent owned and operated exchange in the state.

"This," Westrup said, "brought under common management practically all of the telephone exchanges in the four county area comprised of Coles, Shelby, Christian and Montgomery Counties, Ill. Since that time, a number of other exchanges have been acquired, including the exchange at Effingham purchased from Illinois Bell in 1959. The company presently serves nearly 80,000 telephones through 39 exchanges. They are all located in East Central Illinois comprising an 11-county area."

Emphasizing that the company's management has been progressive in updating and modernizing its plant and in providing equipment capable of rendering the best possible service, Westrup reported that all telephones are dial operated and, for the most part, utilize direct distance dialing equipment for handling of long distance calls. In fact, the DDD equipment installed in Mattoon in 1960, was the first in Independent territory in Illinois.

Participants in first annual banquet of ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club, Mattoon, Ill. was this group of Independent Telephone Industry Pioneers —all with 40-50 years of service. Shown (l. to r.) are: ORA WESTRUP, club president; ZOE THOMAS, Taylorville; PAUL HENRY, Hillsboro; HARRY CLARK, Mattoon; GENE HYDE, Mattoon; ED HACKETT, Charleston; ADD WILSON, Mattoon.

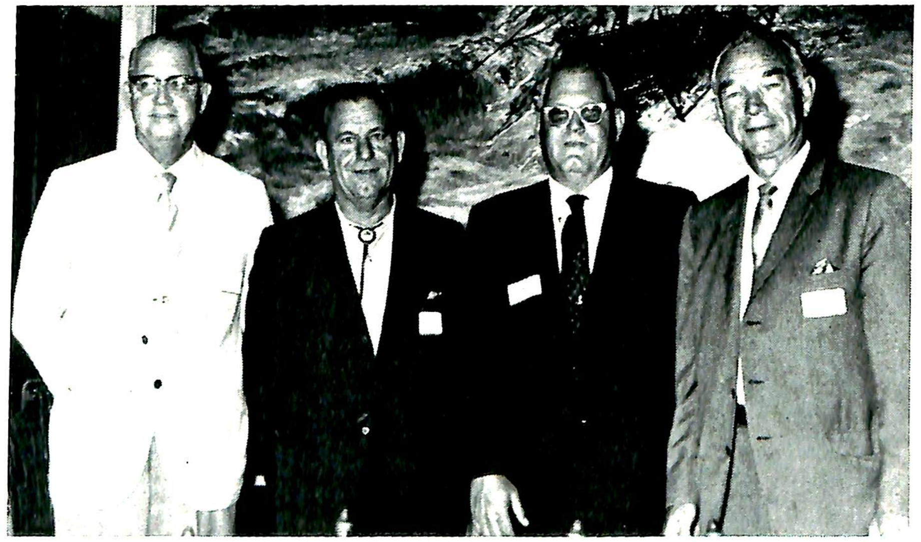
"Now, to get back to our Pioneer," Westrup said, "the man who actually laid the groundwork for all of this activity, Dr. Iverson A. Lumpkin, who lived a long and useful life. He died in 1930, at the age of 87. It had been my privilege to know him only the last seven years of his life. He was keenly alert and interested in Company and public affairs. He had been active in promoting and developing an improved public highway from Chicago to Cairo, even before the days of hard surface roads. It was known as the Egyptian Trail. A man with such foresight, vision and enthusiasm truly exemplifies the pioneer of yesteryear. I know of no better way to dedicate his memory than to name our club the Iverson A. Lumpkin Independent Pioneer Club . . ."

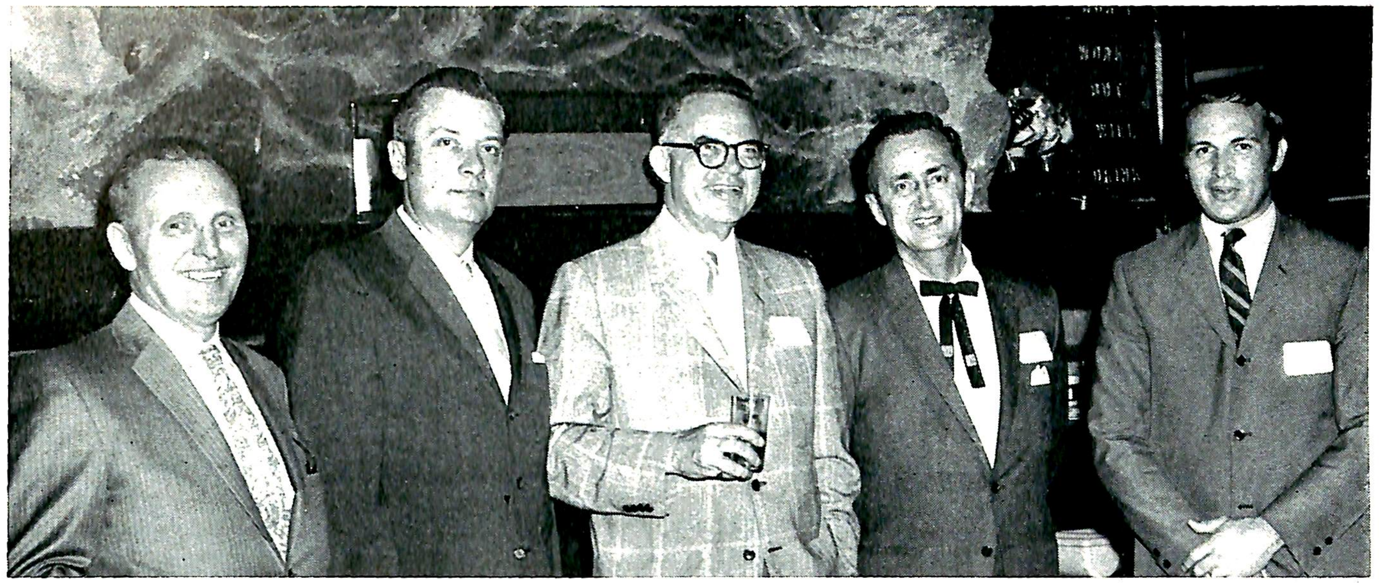
Pioneers Form New Club At Winter Park, Florida

■ THE FOUNDER of The Winter Park (Fla.) Telephone Co., **Carl H. Galloway, Sr.,** was honored recently when it was unanimously recommended that a club of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association be established in Winter Park and bear his name.

The first meeting of the Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club was held at The Langford Hotel and the petition for charter included 55 persons with a cumulative total of 1,167 years in the telephone field.

At this meeting it was unanimously recommended and approved that the first club president should be **Carl H. Galloway, Jr.,** the youngest son of **Carl H. Galloway, Sr.** Other officers elected were: Vice President, **Carl J. Byrnes;** Secretary, **Elsie V. Keene;** Assistant Secretary, **Betty L. Johns;** Treasurer, **Charles C. Haynes;** and Assistant Treasurer, **Lytle B. Tulbert.**


In attendance at the first meeting of the Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association were (from left to right) GEORGE W. ROSE, secretary-treasurer, Florida State Chapter; B. A. GALLOWAY, director, Florida State Chapter; CARL H. GALLOWAY, JR., Club president; and D. E. "JACK" LAMASTER, president, Independent Telephone Pioneer Association.

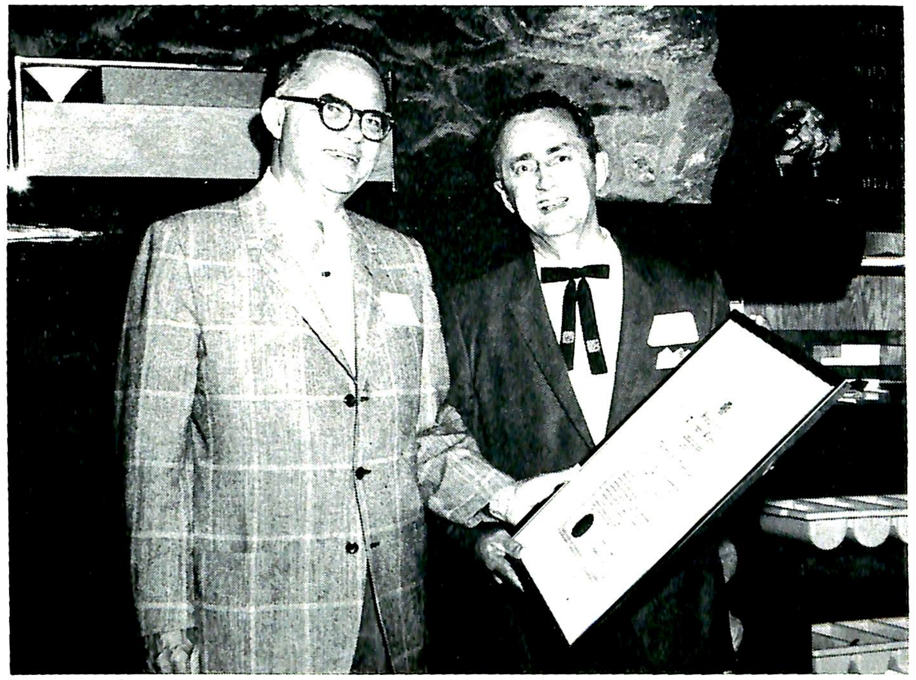

The 1970 officers of the Western Union ITPA Club at the inaugural dinner on May 9, 1970, are shown above in a jovial mood. The club charter was presented on this occasion. left to right are Messrs ENGENE NOVGORODOFF, secretary; RICHARD VLIET, treasurer; ADMIRAL WILLIAM C. MOTT of USITA; ED RUNDQUIST, president; and MYRON C. BUTLER, program chairman; JACK HARSHEY, vice president was on a mission when picture was taken.

Western Union Club Holds Charter Dinner

■ THE WESTERN Union Club of Mahwah, N.J. held its Charter Presentation Dinner on May 9. "Yours truly" had the honor of being invited. When first I got a flat tire and then a completely dead engine, I began to wonder if I would ever make it. However, after much weeping & wailing and knashing of teeth, I finally arrived!

The affair was held in a picturesque and charming old inn on a lake in northern New Jersey. It was built in the 1800's and has the original logs and fireplaces. On the logs throughout the inn are *"sayings"* carved by prison labor. You could probably spend a whole evening just *"reading the walls."*

For dinner we had a choice of entree between a succulent sirloin steak or twin lobster tails served with all the trimmings. I don't think you'll need to guess which this Texas gal chose! I understand the Chef used to work for the *"Rockerfellers."* I'm sure he couldn't have served anything more delectable if it had been in the Governor's Mansion.

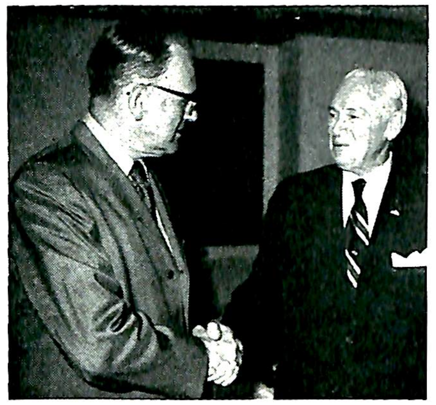

Presentation of the Western Union ITPA Club charter was made by ADMIRAL WILLIAM C. MOTT, (left) executive vice president of USITA to ED RUNDQUIST at the inaugural dinner of the club on May 9, 1970 at the Mount Laurel Inn, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey.

Besides the officers and members of the Western Union Club, **R. A. Schoonover,** vice president of ITPA's Region I and also director of the Empire State Chapter was there. Representatives of ITT and the Telephone Pioneers of America also attended.

The speaker for the evening was **Admiral William C. Mott,** executive vice president of USITA. After some preliminary remarks on "Sex Life in the South Pacific" he gave a timely and pertinent talk on "Generation Conflict." Everyone was in accord that Admiral Mott got down to the basics and gave them much food for thought.

The Charter Dinner was a rousing success. The Program Chairman, **Myron C. Butler,** and officers, **Ed-**

ward Rundquist, president; **John Harshey,** vice president; **Eugene Vliet,** treasurer; and **Donald Rosenhagen,** publicity chairman, are to be complimented on the success of their efforts. I'm sure this Club will be one of our fastest growing and most active because of these dedicated Pioneers.—**Patricia Muir,** *Assistant secretary, ITPA.*



COL. W. J. ("SPARKY") BAIRD (right) congratulates HOMER AKERS, newly-elected president of ITPA's National Capital Chapter during the chapter's 10th Anniversary Party.

EDNA COPPAGE, former assistant secretary of ITPA, Washington, D.C., displays contents of "surprise package" received during 10th anniversary party National Capital Chapter.

HERBERT H. (PETE) BUTLER, secretary of ITPA, Washington, D.C., and his wife VERA arrive at the Touchdown Club to participate in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of ITPA's National Capital Chapter.

National Capital Chapter Observes 10th Anniversary

■ THE WASHINGTON Room of the Touchdown Club, Washington, D.C., was the scene for a gala 10th anniversary party held on June 18 by ITPA's National Capital Chapter. The decorations for the evening included a set of color prints depicting various antique telephones, courtesy of North Electric. There were 100 Pioneers present. In order to honor ITPA's 50th anniversary, each lady guest was "pinned" with one of ITPA's "gold" key rings topped with a perky blue bow.

New officers elected for the year were: President, **Homer L. Akers;** 1st Vice President, **Edward J. Warner;** 2nd Vice President, **Dorothy E. Felder;** Treasurer, **M. W. Ottley;** and Secretary, **Dorothy E. Felder.**

As is the tradition, outgoing President **Andy Horner** passed the Chapter's Charter on to the new president. Akers then presented Horner with ITPA's Past President's Plaque. For her untiring efforts and ceaseless devotion to the Chapter, Dottie Felder was presented with a specially made charm bracelet with an ITPA emblem.

Very special door prizes were given to 10 lucky people. Akers secured some glass insulators which we used to see on telephone poles, and one of the Past Presidents of the Chapter, **Dave Sherrick,** made them into book ends. One of the lucky winners was **Vera Butler,** the wife of National Secretary **Pete Butler.** There was another door prize and that lucky person won an Ericofon, courtesy of North Electric.

Homer Akers said he "had saved the best for last and that good things come in small packages." Two more numbers were called and **Edna Coppage,** ITPA's past assistant secretary was a winner. When she opened her package, out popped a number of colored honeycomb paper balls!

The guest speaker for the evening was **"Dr." Earl Gilbert,** a noted "ornithologist" who gave a talk *strictly for the birds!* He also did some amazing feats of prestidigitation which had everyone thoroughly mystified. . . . It was truly a night to be remembered by all who attended.—**Patricia A. Muir,** Assistant secretary, ITPA.

ANDREW HORNER, outgoing president of ITPA's National Capital Chapter, presents DOROTHY FELDER with a token of appreciation for her "fine work for the Chapter."

HOMER AKERS (left), newly-elected president of ITPA's National Chapter, presents Past President's Plaque to ANDREW HORNER during the Chapter's 10th Anniversary Party.

ANDREW HORNER (left), outgoing president of ITPA's National Chapter Club, Washington, D.C., passes Charter to new Chapter President HOMER AKERS of Piedmont Telephone Co.

Wayne District Club Names Biggs President

■ THE Wayne District Club of Wooster, Ohio, affiliated with ITPA's Buckeye State Chapter, completed its organization by electing the following officers and directors: President, **W. H. Biggs;** Vice President, **Leo Carnahan;** Secretary, **Elma J. Hartsel;** Treasurer, **Willis O. Fowler.**

Board members are: **W. H. Biggs, Leo Carnahan, Laura Fisher, Roy Moffett, Ruth Andress, Ellen Glasgo, Elmer Weber, Mildred Eby,** and **John Jones.**

While the members of the Wayne District club are new to the Buckeye State Chapter, they have long been associated together as a company-wide group.

Wm. McClusky Heads Ohio's Buckeye Chapter

■ OHIO'S Buckeye Chapter held its annual meeting in conjunction with the 1970 convention of the Ohio Independent Telephone Association in Columbus. Over 100 members and guests attended a champagne breakfast which featured a program of professional entertainment.

President **Oliver Daily** gave a report of activities for the past year. At a director's meeting which immediately followed, **William McClusky,** Rock Creek, Ohio, was elected president; **John Guthrie,** Marion, vice president; and **John Sidlo,** Columbus, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Chapter Directors are: **James Hunt,** Middlefield; **Charles Kern,** Germantown; **Larry Miner,** Lorain; **Tom Tucker,** Mansfield; **Virginia Cottrill,** Chillicothe; **Otto Kinsel,** Bellevue; **Ronald Taylor,** Elyria; **Wm. McClusky,** Rock Creek; and **John Guthrie,** Marion.

Tar Heel Chapter Presents Second Scholarship

■ **Miss Mary Jon Lloyd,** Sanford, N.C. has been named recipient of the second statewide scholarship of $300 per year sponsored by the Tar Heel Chapter of ITPA. Miss Lloyd graduated last June in fourth place scholastically in a class of 291 members and will enter the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in September.

Last year marked the first time the Tar Heel Chapter offered a scholarship open to worthy students whose parents are associated with the Independent telephone industry. All applicants' records are screened by a five-member statewide scholarship committee of the Tar Heel chapter, and is renewable each year provided a stipulated scholastic average is maintained by the recipient. The first winner was **Miss Pam Seabock** of Hickory, N.C., who is studying at Lenoir-Rhyne College, and was

MISS MARY JON LLOYD, center, recipient of the second Scholarship Award given by the Tar Heel Chapter of ITPA. Left, MRS. GENEVA W. SLOAN, secretary-treasurer of the Tar Heel Chapter; and right, W. W. LAWRENCE, member of the Scholarship Committee and also member of the National Board of Directors of ITPA.

granted the scholarship again this year.

Mrs. Geneva Sloan, secretary-treasurer of the Tar Heel Chapter, submitted the name of Miss Lloyd, whose mother, **Mrs. Gladys Lloyd,** is a telephone operator at Heins Telephone Company. The Scholarship was presented by **W. W. Lawrence,** a member of the Tar Heel Chapter Scholarship Committee, and also a National Director of the ITPA.

Sunshine Club Holds Second Quarter Picnic

■ Hard-working Sunshine Club Vice President **Jack Siebel,** St. Petersburg, Fla., advises that a picnic was held on May 16 and a Koffee Klatch on May 20.

"Chief Cooks" at Sunshine Clubs third annual "Wing Ding" were: Front Row (l. to r.) GUS THOMAS and JIM BASKERVILLE; Second Row (l. to r.) BOB FISHER and TY EMBERG; Upper left, JACK SIEBEL (right) and JOE FISHER (left).

Jack reports that on May 16, 1970 at their Second Quarter 1970 Picnic, both active and retired Pioneers gathered at Lake Maggiore recreation area in St. Petersburg, Fla., to enjoy a day of sunshine and fellowship . . . not to mention the delicious food, supplied by all those attending.

Special recognition was given to **Mrs. Betty Smith,** an active and yet employed PBX operator at the Suwannee Hotel in St. Petersburg. That is not all . . . for Betty is the oldest employed operator in these United States, being a very young eighty-five (85) years old. She attributes most all to wonderful telephone people and the remainder to good living in the Sunshine State.

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Top photo shows Sunshine Club's Picnic Committee relaxing during recent St. Petersburg, Fla. picnic. Bottom photo shows busy "chow line" as Florida Pioneers took time out to enjoy the food supplied by those attending.

Attending recent picnic sponsored by ITPA's Sunshine Club at St. Petersburg, Fla., were (l. to r.) BETTY SMITH, age 85, the oldest employed operator in the U.S.A.; BETTY WYMAN, retired chief operator, formerly of St. Petersburg; and MILDRED KNAUFF of St. Petersburg.

Games for young, and those just a little older, were enjoyed by all. Gifts were given, and after the chit-chat ran out, the Pioneers and families retreated and headed for home.

On May 20, 1970, Western Division, St. Petersburg, Fla., retirees attended once again the monthly "Koffee Klatch" held at the Friendship Room of First Federal Savings & Loan, St. Petersburg.

Siebel stated, "We were quite honored again in having **Jack LaMaster,** our National President, with us, as the "Traveling Statesman" was at home for just a few days before going on the road again. We, here in the Sunshine Club, are especially proud of Jack as he was formerly Marketing Director of General Telephone of Florida."

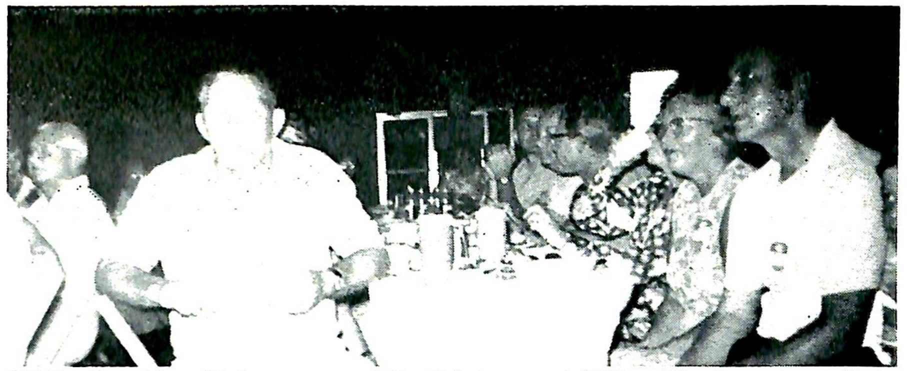
The program consisted mainly of just good "telephone conversation" by telephone people. Refreshments were served both before and after "Ledger 1969," a presentation on film of General Telephone of Florida's growth and accomplishments during that year. The final hour was given to "Bingo" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Practical prizes are always given at these monthly events.

According to Siebel, the committee, consisting of **Gladys Hutcheson, Evelyn Miller, Peggy Taylor** and **Bob Seidl,** work hard and make this event a success every month.—**George Rose,** Tampa, Fla.

Pioneer News Briefs From S.E. States

■ PIONEER **Ed Waith** was recently awarded his 45 year Company Service Pin from Past Florida Chapter President E. L. (Buddy) Langley. . . . The third annual Sunshine Club Spring "Wing-Ding" was held on June 13th in Tampa; 230 Pioneers with their families and guests enjoyed barbecued chicken and each family brought a covered dish. Great fellowship was evident and many door prizes were dispensed. Special entertainment was by the company Barber Shop Quartet.

■ President **Ernie Menendez** of the Florida State Chapter has announced his transfer and promotion from Tallahassee to his Company's headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska around September 1st. Sorry to see a good telephone man and a good Pioneer leave Florida. Vice President **Fred Learey** will assume the presidency of the Florida Pioneers upon Ernie's departure.

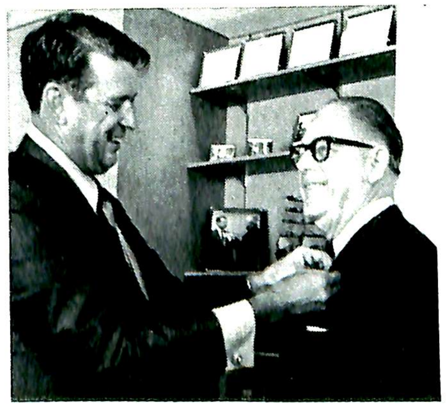


ITPA's Sunshine Club sponsored its third annual "Wing Ding" on June 13 in Tampa, Fla. Above photo shows part of group of 230 pioneers and guests that attended the event.

■ Florida Chapter Directors led by President **Menendez** met in Tampa on June 12th and with near full attendance worked through a full business agenda. The resignation of Florida Chapter Director **Larry Travis** of Fort Myers was accepted with regret and the board voted to name **Harold Bollinger** to replace Larry. . . . Koffee Klatches were held in Eastern and Central Divisions during May and June.

■ National Director **Ed Bray** is recuperating at his Tampa home following a mild heart attack which hospitalized him briefly on June 18th.

■ Fifty potential members attended an organizational meeting held in the Plant Assembly Room at Tallahassee at 6:30 p.m. on June 19th and enjoyed a barbecue, brunswick stew feast prepared by Pioneer **Sterling Harrison.** The group heard talks by Florida Pioneer Chapter President **Menendez,** Pioneer **John Fain** of Tallahassee and Chapter Secretary-Treasurer **George Rose** of Tampa. Applications were distributed to all non members, the group asked to select a club name and names secured for Charter members.



Pioneer ED WAITH, Tampa, Fla., received his 45-year service pin from Past Florida chapter President E. L. ("BUDDY") LANGLEY.

■ Florida Telephone Corporation Personnel Manager **Carl Doerr** is busy lining up people preparatory to applying for a new club charter. Looks as if this potential new club will initially have more than 50 members.

■ Mrs. **Lucille Sides,** member of Sunshine Club, retired effective June, 1970.—**George Rose,** Tampa, Fla.

Henry V. Johnson Heads Empire State Chapter

■ Henry V. Johnson, general plant manager of Jamestown (N.Y.) Telephone Corp., has been elected president of ITPAs' Empire State Chapter. He lives at 328 Park St., Jamestown.

Johnson started in the telephone business as a switchman 39 years ago with the Jamestown Telephone Co. Subsequently, he advanced to installation and repair supervisor; test center supervisor, plant manager of Home Telephone Co. of Ridgway, before becoming general plant manager for the Jamestown, Home of Ridgway and Meadville Telephone Co., in 1966. All are subsidiaries of Mid-Continent Telephone Corp. To advance skills of telephone employes, he organized regular installation and repair courses and established the service bureau.

During World War II, he served in the Pacific area with the Signal Corps, supervising installation of automatic and manual central office equipment.

In community affairs, he has served as exalted ruler and district deputy of the Elks, is active in Masonic organizations in Jamestown and Ridgway, and is a member of the American Legion, Lions Club and Epworth Methodist Church.

The Johnson family includes his wife, Frances, and two daughters, Mary Beth, and Mrs. Martha Larvick, of Falconer.

Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers enjoyed recent dinner meeting at Saronburg Fire Hall. Shown above (l. to r.) are: GEORGE KEEFER, BUNNY WALKER, PAUL SCHWAB, GLENN and BETTY CASHDOLLAR, KATE SCHWAB, DOROTHY COLLIER, GLADYS and DILL LAWTON, and JOYCE and WES LORMAN.

Butler, Pa. Pioneers Hold Dinner Meeting

■ The Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers recently enjoyed a dinner and evening of fellowship at the Saxonburg Fire Hall. The tables were tastefully decorated by **Elaine Graham** for a dinner served home style. **William F. Walker** made the invocation as **Jim Bowser** performed MC duties.

Mr. and Mrs. PAUL REX of Peoples' United Telephone Co. attended recent dinner sponsored by Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers.

Members of this Butler (Pa.) Pioneer group are (l. to r.) ROY BOWERS, ROSE BOWERS, and EULA POFF.

After dinner, group singing was led by **Jack Arthurs** accompanied by **Donna Olenic** who had provided dinner music on her accordion. Bingo was played and the lucky winners received prizes of merchandise.

The Saxonburg Fire Company made its facilities available to the group and many of the Pioneers adjourned to the club room for dancing after the formal activities of the evening had been concluded.

The Butler Area Pioneers adopted By-laws and are organizing a club called "Bunova Club." Their first social event was a picnic held on Wednesday, July 22.

During meeting of Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers, HAROLD LOGAN (left) receives door prize from CHES NEBEL. LOGAN AND NEBEL are with United Tel. of Pa.

Participants in recent dinner meeting of Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers were Mr. and Mrs. HERMIE STUTZ (left) and Mr. and Mrs. JOHN W. CROCKET.

Iverson A. Lumpkin Club Sponsors Family Picnic

■ THE Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club, Mattoon, Ill., sponsored its first annual family picnic for members and all employees of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, June 27 at Forest Park, Shelbyville, Ill.

Over 300 active and retired company employees and their families attended the gala affair. A variety of games were played and a special drawing was held with gifts being awarded to lucky pioneers and guests.

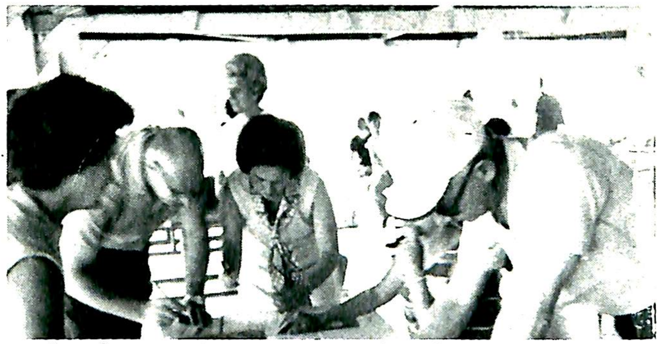
The picnic committee, **Earl Toles**, chairman, Taylorville; **Jean Cox**, Shelbyville; **Leroy Criswell**, Hillsboro; **Nina Grauer**, Litchfield; **Jack Rennels, Jerry Rider** and **Merton Rohlf**, Mattoon, made the arrangements for the all-day picnic.

Miniature of "20-Mule-Team" centerpiece, mounted by LEAINE GRAHAM, is inspected by Butler (Pa.) Area Pioneers (l. to r.): GLENN L. CASHDOLLAR, ELAINE GRAHAM, RAYMOND F. WENZEL, DOROTHY SPITHALER, JAMES C. BOWSER, CHESTER V. NEBEL, DOROTHY JACK, and DONALD FETTERMAN.

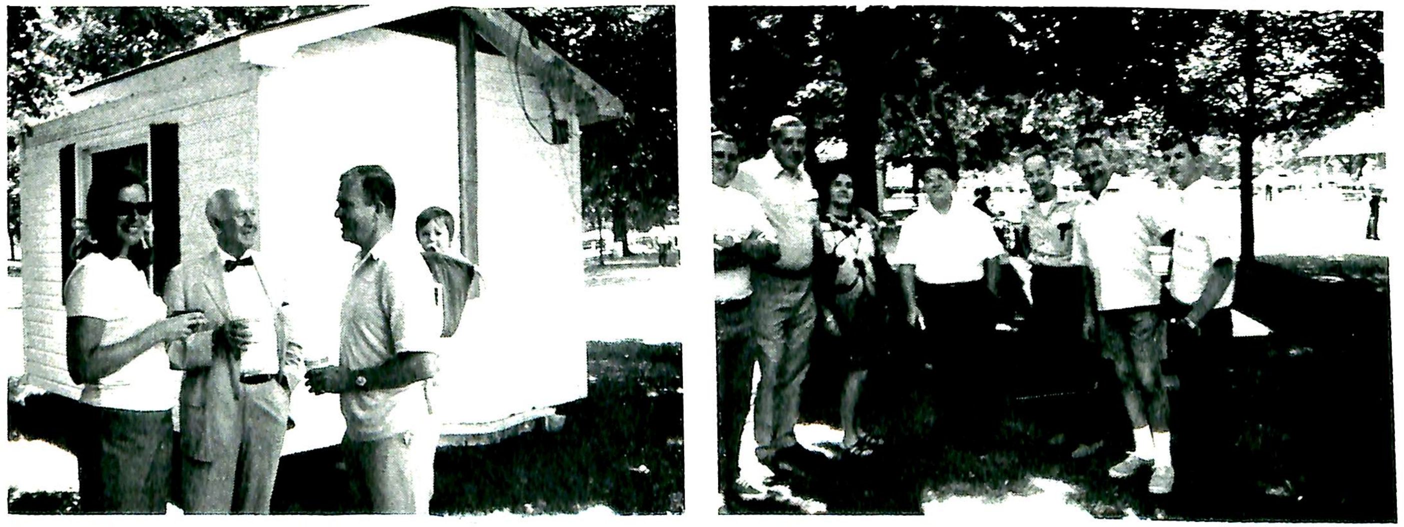
Jack Beckwith Heads California Chapter

■ OFFICERS and directors of ITPA's California Chapter met on June 19 and elected the following officers and directors: President, **Jack C. Beckwith;** Vice President, **Roberta L. Truman;** Secretary-Treasurer, **Irene E. Hoffeld.**

Directors are: Robert A. Dins-


Registering for first annual family picnic sponsored by ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club are (l. to r., left photo): MARY WIGTON, Mattoon; JERRY RIDER, Mattoon; CARVELL HERTON, Shelbyville; JULIA HENSON, Hillsboro; JEAN VOX, Shelbyville; and HAROLD DAVIS, Mattoon.

Prize winners at annual family picnic sponsored by ITPA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneer Club at Forest Park, Shelbyville, Ill., are (l. to r.): HELEN HARTMAN, Hillsboro; JEAN COX, Shelbyville; SHELIA WINGO, Blue Mound; LEROY STITT, Shelbyville; KEN PEAK, Charleston; and DON WYKIS, Mattoon.


Over 300 active and retired employees of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co., Mattoon, Ill. and their families attended first annual picnic sponsored by IPTA's Iverson A. Lumpkin Club. Shown above (l. to r.) are: MRS. RICHARD A. (GAIL) LUMPKIN; R. A. LUMPKIN, board chairman of Illinois Consolidated; RICHARD A. LUMPKIN, vice president; BESS LUMPKIN; RON CAMFIELD, Litchfield; PAUL and NADINE CISNA, Mattoon; GENE HYDE, Mattoon; PAUL HENRY, Hillsboro; DEAN MARSLAND, Windsor; and TOM SUTHERLAND, Mattoon.

more, Continental Telephone Service Corp.; **Howard H. Hesse,** General Tel. of Calif.; **Delores Garrett,** Continental Telephone Service Corp.; **W. Homer Pendergraft,** Retired; **Jack W. Lund,** General Tel. of Calif.; **Richard M. Sorg,** General Tel. of Calif.; and **Harry E. Gifford,** General Tel. of Calif.

One of the topics on the agenda was to stimulate increased membership throughout California to the greatest extent possible. To do this, the California Chapter is planning an active program of writing letters to all Independent telephone companies within California with the hope of stimulating interest, membership, and the formation of clubs.

Also in keeping with the National request, the California Chapter plans publication of a new Newsletter.

Badger Chapter Pioneer Luncheon table at the Wisconsin Convention includes (l. to r.) WELDON CASE, Mid-Continent Telephone, Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD TAYLOR of Rhinelander Tel., Mrs. JOHN IVERSON and RUTH BOWMAN of Amhurst, MARIE RAYMONT of Almond Tel, and Life Member, A. H. BOWDEN of Almond Tel, a 60-year telephone man and past president of the Badger Chapter.

Badger State Observes ITPA's 50th Anniversary

■ IJPA's Badger State Chapter sponsored a luncheon on May 26th at the Sheraton-Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisc., during the Wisconsin State Telephone Convention. One hundred and thirty five pioneers and others attending the convention heard ITPA President, **Jack LaMasters** reminisce about the last 50 years in the industry and other events during that period. He was introduced by Badger President, **Steve Holum.** Another event at the luncheon was the presentation of a charter to Badger State Chapter's first affiliated club, the Coulee Region Club, of LaCrosse. The charter was accepted by Club President **Walter C. Shepard.**

Florida State Chapter Holds Board Meeting

■ A MEETING of the board of directors of the Florida State Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association was held in Tampa on June 12, with the following in attendance: President, **Ernest Menendez;** Secretary-Treasurer, **George Rose;** Members: **Fred Learey, Max Wettstein, Al Galloway, John Fain, Ray Blain;** National ITPA President, **Jack LaMaster;** National Board Representative, **Ed Bray;** and Immediate Past President, **Buddy Langley.**

Jack LaMaster gave a brief description of his visits to state conventions he had recently attended and the growing enthusiasm he finds across the nation for ITPA. Many new chapters and clubs are now being formed.

President **Ernie Menendez** conducted the meeting with the following action taken: (1) Recognition of the recently formed Carl Hill Galloway Club in Winter Park was made; Carl H. Galloway. Jr. was elected president; (2) continued growth of the Royal Palm Club of Fort Myers was noted, and (3) Menendez and **John Fain** discussed the planned formation of a Pioneer Club in the Tallahassee area.

Following discussion, approval was voted for President Menendez to extend an invitation to Bell System Pioneers **Frank Malone** or **Ben Gilmer** to deliver the banquet address at the 2nd Annual Florida Chapter ITPA Convention in Tampa on Friday evening, September 25th. It was also recommended that a workshop for club presidents and secretaries be held Friday afternoon (September 25th) and that the free Saturday luncheon for Retired ITPA members be repeated this year with the Chapter and Club sharing the expense.

The directors approved the suggestion to maintain a Pioneer Hospitality Room (coffee-cokes-juice-doughnuts-sweet rolls) during the Florida Telephone Association Convention at the Diplomat in Hollywood on December 4-5, 1970. Also approved was the Pioneer breakfast on December 5th.

The Directors accepted with regret the resignation of member **Larry Travis** and elected new President **Harold Bollinger** of United to fill his vacancy.

President Menendez advised that he had accepted a company transfer to Lincoln, Nebraska on August 1, 1970. Ernie plans to return to Florida to preside at the September 25-26 2nd Annual Florida Chapter ITPA convention in Tampa. Following this Vice President **Fred Learey** will assume the presidency.

Discussion of Chapter and Club community service projects ensued. **Ed Bray** has contacted the Sheriff's Boys Ranch at Live Oak and Bray advised that they have a surplus of clothing at this time but will welcome food in the form of canned goods. Bray will check with Pinellas County Sheriff **Don Genung** to determine how the chapter may be able to help the Florida Sheriff's Girls' Villa in Pinellas County.

Ray Blain told of an area in the midwest in which obsolete Type 15 and 19 Teletype machines were being converted to data sets so the deaf could talk to one another. No decision was made as to a chapter project but recommendations were made that all clubs institute local projects.

Discussion of the growth of the Florida Chapter and Clubs was held. It is felt that the Florida Chapter and the Sunshine Club may now have the Nation's largest memberships for chapters and clubs and may win a bond in the SSS competition.

A recommendation was made that the Pioneers consider holding their 1972 Annual Convention at Walt Disney World in the Florida Telephone Corporation Area.

60th Anniversary
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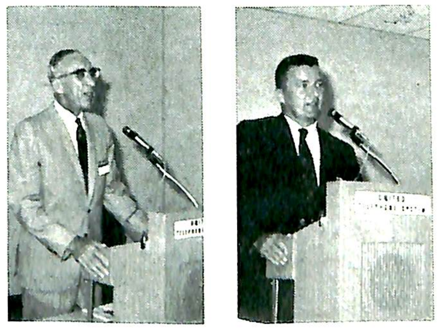
ITPA President JACK LAMASTER addresses Badger Chapter ITPA Luncheon with Chapter President L. M. HOLUM of Mt. Horeb Tel. and new president of the Cooley Region Pioneer Club, WALTER SHEPARD, of LaCrosse Tel. Corp. looking on. The new club chartered with 46 members.

Royal Palm Pioneers Hold Business Meeting

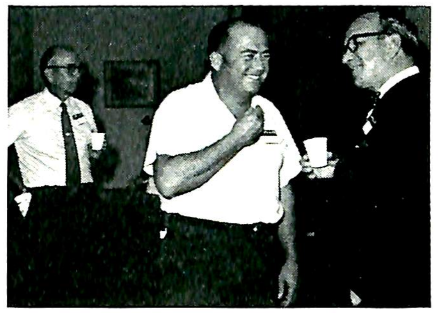
■ THE Royal Palm Pioneer Club, Fort Myers, Fla., held its first business meeting since chartered earlier this year in the new Ft. Myers traffic toll room on June 18, 1970. President, **Oscar Holway,** spoke to some 65 attending members including life member **J. N. Johnson.**

OSCAR HOLWAY (right) greets GEORGE ROSE during first business meeting of Florida's Royal Palm Pioneer Club in the new Ft. Myers' traffic toll room.

Murray Bromby was recognized for his work during the club Spring Jamboree picnic at Bonita Beach. **George Rose,** secretary-treasurer for the Florida State Chapter, spoke to the club on the expansion of Independent Telephone Pioneers in Florida stating that Florida now has over 1,200 members with clubs now formed in Tampa, Ft. Myers, Winter Park, and prospects for Tallahassee.


HAROLD BOLLINGER (left), president of United Telephone Co. of Florida addresses Royal Palm Pioneers following introduction by Royal Palm Club President OSCAR HOLWAY.

Oscar Holwav announced that the club needs to search out new members and appointed **Betty Smith** as Membership Chairman. She will be assisted by **Bill Stalker** and **Ray Shores** from Naples, and **Bob Gay** and **Dot Simpson** from Avon Park.


Participants in recent business meeting of Royal Palm Pioneer Club at Ft. Myers, Fla., were (l. to r.): FRANK FREELAND, MURRAY BROMBY, and ELMER EVENSON.

By-laws are now being developed by the club officers and should be ready for presentation to the club shortly. Suggestions during the meeting were received indicating a desire to have more frequent meetings.

H. R. Bollinger, president of United Telephone Company of Florida, also spoke to the club on the importance of pioneering.

The club members then toured the new $10,000,000 UN1 and TSD installation in Ft. Myers. This installation includes 116 positions of Traffic service desks (largest installation in the USA) complete with a new local and toll crossbar switching system. Tours were also made of the new service center recently established in

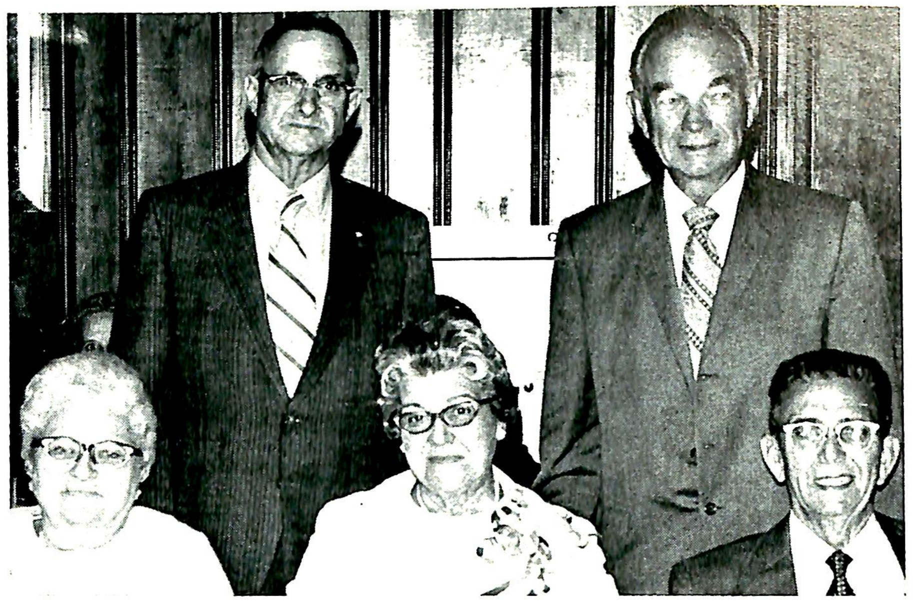
DORIS SHERER (left) and SARAH HARRISON attended recent business meeting of ITPA's Royal Palm Pioneer Club at Ft. Myers, Fla.

Ft. Myers, all followed by refreshments served in the new Traffic snack bar.

Jesse Yarger, club vice president, announced that the next activity planned by the club will be a fish fry to be held in the Avon Park area in early September.

NEAREA Club Sponsors Pioneer Photo Contest

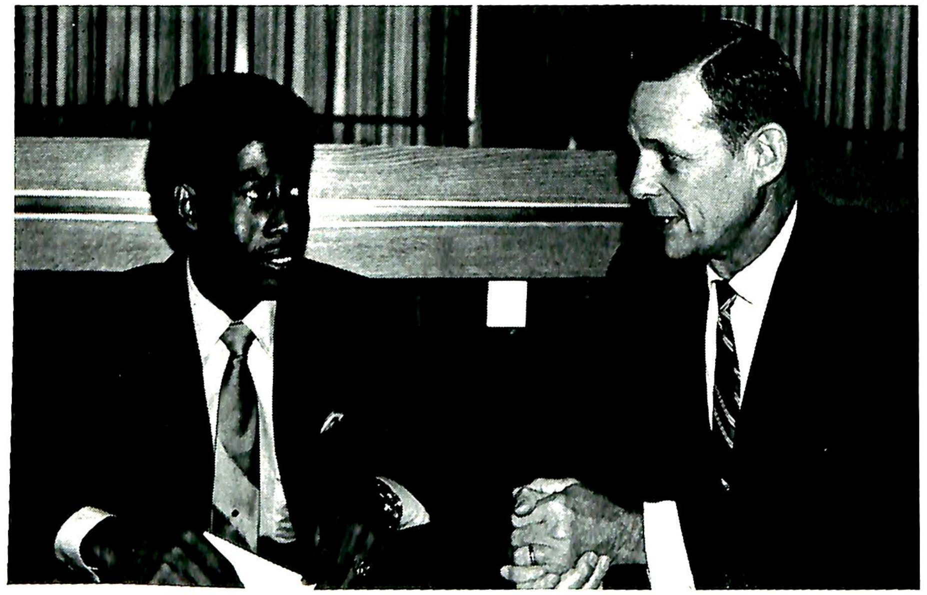
■ THE NEAREA Pioneer Club is sponsoring a Pioneer Photo Contest. Photographs (black and white or colored) are to be sent to **Mike Kuchta** prior to August 15. All photos will be exhibited in the lunchroom of the Commonwealth Telephone Company building in Dallas, Pa., after August 15 and the winners will be entered in the National ITPA Photo Contest.



VIRL A. WATKINS, Princeton, Ind., retired general manager of Princeton Telephone Co., was honored August 11 at a charter dinner of the Virl A. Watkins Club of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association. From the left is MRS. LAMOINE EASTWOOD; LAMOINE EASTWOOD, chapter president; MRS. WATKINS, D. E. LAMASTER, ITPA president; and WATKINS, the honored guest.

Betty Wyman Reports Sunshine Club News

■ GOSH . . . did you say Busy Retirees? You're right! . . . **Tampa, Fla.** retirees had a lovely "Koffee Klatch" during July. They saw a General Tel film (and do we love to see what our people are doing), played bingo and won lovely prizes, took a tour of the new building and had one grand time visiting our other retired co-workers . . . **St. Petersburg, Fla.** retirees tried a "White Elephant" party combined with a "Koffee Klatch" and it was "hilarious." The excellent coffee or tea and those Danish pastrys, bingo, prizes, and lots of fellowship made it a wonderful party . . . **Southern District, Fla.** retirees met in the beautiful VIP room of the new Gen Tel building in Sarasota, Fla. for a real "home gathering." It had been some time since this group could meet due to remodeling of the main telephone building, but all agreed it was worth waiting for. The tour of the new facilities was most interesting and then bingo, prizes, refreshments, a company film, presentation of Life Membership Certificates plus the good fellowship made it a party to be remembered . . . **Eastern Division's** "Wow" fish fry in Winter Haven, Fla., was really a party for retirees and active ITPA members. Chief Cook **Bud Rawls,** really had a committee that knew how to fry fish and cook hush puppies. With all the covered dishes that everyone brought, everyone enjoyed a real "food fest."—**Betty Wyman.**



ITPA's Sooner Chapter and the Oklahoma Telephone Association has for several years awarded an annual scholarsrip to an Electrical Engineering student at Oklahoma State University. The student must live in an area served by an Independent telephone company, and is selected by the University. The 1970 scholarship of $300.00 was awarded to JOHN P. WILKINS, a sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkins, Boynton, Okla. Photo shows John (on the left) and L. A. GUEST, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and regional ITPA vice president visiting after Guest had presented him with the award. (Photo by Bob Dimery, Stillwater, Okla.)

Virl A. Watkins Club Receives ITPA Charter

■ A NEWLY formed Club of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association was chartered at a dinner at the Princeton (Ind.) Elks August 11. The new chapter will be known as the Virl A. Watkins Club, as a tribute to Watkins who recently retired as general manager of the Princeton Telephone Co. and who is a life member of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association.

The charter was presented by **D. E. "Jack" LaMaster,** president of ITPA, from Tampa, Fla. Officers of the new chapter are: **LaMoine Eastwood,** Princeton Telephone Co., president; **Hattie Reneer,** Princeton Telephone Co., vice-president: **Helen Williams,** Princeton Telephone Co., secretary-treasurer.

Paul Fletchall, Poseyville Telephone Co., was elected to a three-year term as director; **C. A. Clifton,** Kirksville Telephone Co., two-year term; **Alphonso Devine,** Princeton Telephone Co., one-year term.

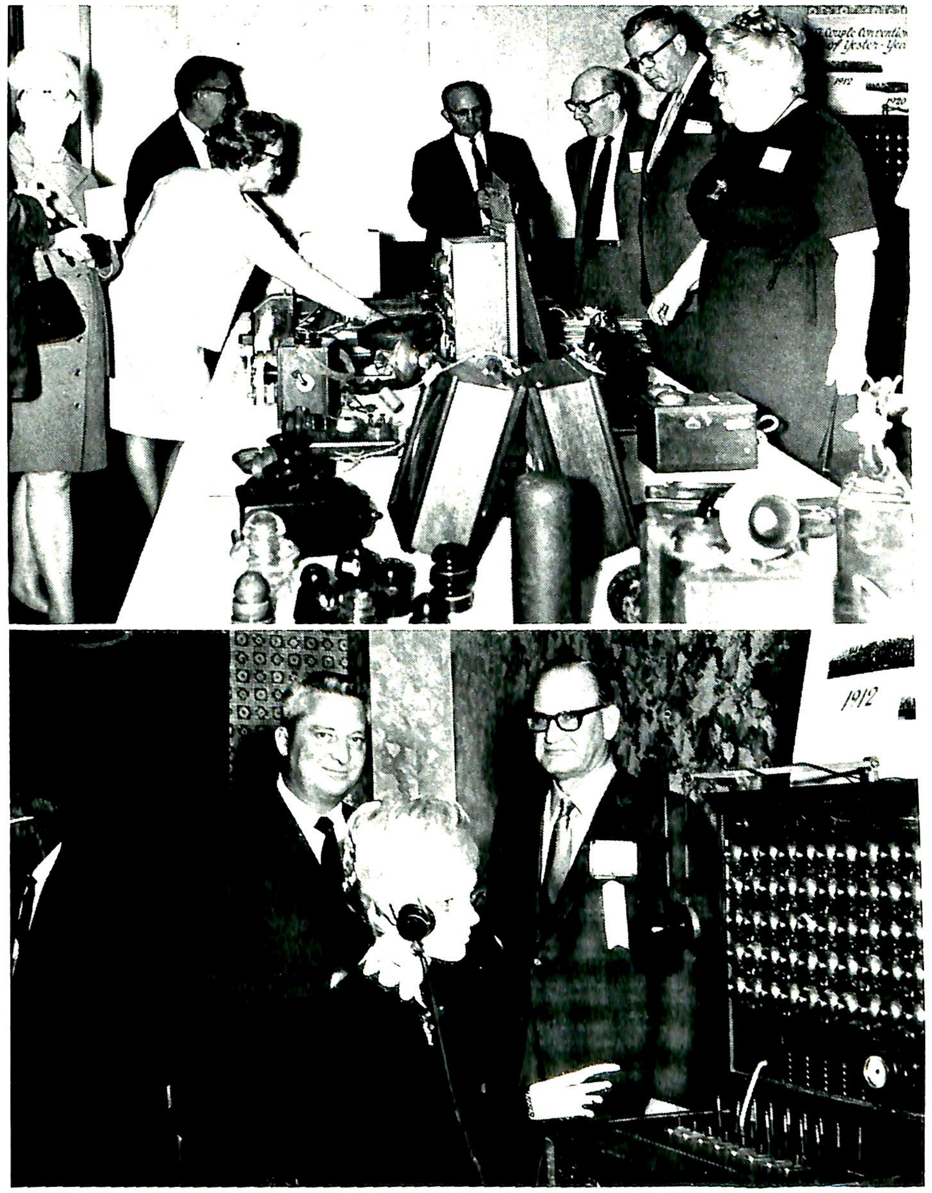
C. Kightly Trippet served as master of ceremonies for the occasion and **Helen Williams** gave the invocation. **LaMoine Eastwood,** president of the new chapter, spoke briefly.

Others speakers were: **Lloyd Thorne,** vice president of Midwest Telephone Co., Petersburg, Ind., and president of the Indiana Telephone Association; **Robert O'Bannon,** Indianapolis, executive vice-president of the state association; and **James Watkins,** registrar at Indiana State university in Terre Haute, who responded in behalf of his father, **Virl A. Watkins.**

Charter members of the new chapter are: Agnes Arbur, Jonnie Ann Ashby, Hazel Burbank, M. F. Byers, Margaret Byrne, C. A. Clifton, Marjorie Collins, W. F. Davidson, Alphonso Devine, Chris Doyle, Jerry Driskell, LaMoine Eastwood, Floral Emerson, P. C. Fletchall, Mrs. P. C. Fletchall, Josephine Garrett, Robert Hansen, Naomi Huey, Florence Hurst, John Jaquemai, Patricia Johnson, Herbert Jones, Doris McAtee, Odelia Maikranz, Paul Morrison, Gladys Nodecker, Jerry Ott, Robert Parrett, William Pauley, George Pemberton, Norbert Peter, Ada Rees, Mable Reid, Hattie Reneer, Bertis Robb, Ralph Schuler, John TenBarge, C. K. Trippet, Byron Trippet, Margaret Vierling, Virl Watkins, Helen Williams and Robert Wilder.

Keep The News Coming

ITPA President JACK LA MASTER (left) meets with O. E. SERWOLD, Poulsbo, Wash., following LaMaster's address to luncheon meeting of ITPA's Northwest Chapter during recent Western Conference of Independent Telephone Associations at Stateline, Nev.



ITPA's Tom Griffith Chapter sponsored an exhibit of antique telephones during 1970 convention of the Iowa Independent Telephone Association. Top photo shows conventioners inspecting the equipment. Bottom photo shows (l. to r.) R. DIRCKS and GENE DAUBENDIECK receiving 1900 switchboard and model of operator.

pioneers' question box

Medicare Time Limit

QUESTION:—I have just learned that my father has never signed up for Medicare. He is 67 years old and receiving social security benefits. He has always been in good health and felt he would never need it. Now he has to undergo extensive surgery. A nurse told me that it's too late for him to enroll because he's already past 65. Is this true?—*R.J.C., Indianapolis, Ind.*

ANSWER:—The law contains a definite time limit as to when individuals can enroll for supplementary medical insurance under Medicare. For those persons born on or before Oct. 1, 1901, the deadline was March 31, 1969.

If your father was born between Oct. 2, 1901, and Oct. 2, 1902, he has a final opportunity in which to sign up—in the current general enrollment period ending March 31. A general enrollment period is open every year from Jan. 1 to March 31. Your father should phone or visit his social security office immediately. Even tho his coverage will not be effective until July 1, medical insurance will pay a substantial portion of the medical expenses he incurs after June 30.

Because your father is over 65 and is receiving social security checks, he is automatically covered by hospital insurance under Medicare. A person can enroll for hospital insurance protection at any time.

There are approximately 263,160 persons who are eligible to enroll for medical insurance in the current general enrollment period. Of this figure, about 178,000 persons previously refused medical insurance, withdrew from coverage, or otherwise terminated their coverage. The balance either never responded or tried to enroll outside their enrollment period. Social security is sending a letter with an enrollment card to all of the above individuals.

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Retirement Problem

QUESTION:—I am planning to retire from the telephone business. I would like to work only part time. I understand that I may start a part-time business and work up to 45 hours a month and still collect social security. Therefore, I am planning to work about 11 hours a week. Will my benefits be affected?—J.C.S. Aurora, Ill.

ANSWER:—As long as you work no more than the 45-hour monthly limit for self-employed people, you will be eligible for social security benefits regardless of how many people you employ.

Any work you do in connection with your business counts toward the 45-hour limit. If you balance your books at home, clean your shop on Sunday, or visit the shop merely to check on your employes, you must include this time as part of your 45 hours.

Even if you spend all day alone in your shop, without a single customer, you are working. You are promoting your trade simply by being open for business. Certainly if customers come in, you would serve them.

The social security rules for self-employed people can be complicated. Each situation is reviewed individually. For additional information, contact your social security office.

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Remarriage Problems

QUESTION:—If I marry for a second time what do I stand to lose financially?—*E.M.A., Toledo, Ohio.*

ANSWER:—A pet author of ours, Martha Patton, covered this subject a few weeks ago. Here's her advice:

(1) The widow and divorcee who remarry jeopardize rights to their first husband's Social Security benefits.

(2) The divorced wife who remarries forfeits alimony.

(3) Union or company pensions to widows almost always end upon marriage.

(4) Widow benefits from the Veterans Administration cease.

(5) Some insurance benefits may end upon remarriage depending upon how the policy was written.

In addition to reducing your income, marriage gives your partner certain rights that might affect your income and certainly any property you own. Attorneys to whom I spoke about this possibility suggested that you consider the following:

(6) The married woman forfeits her right to choose her place of residence. You go where he goes or become subject to a divorce action for desertion.

(7) In some states marriage automatically revokes your will. In any case, in non-community property states, your spouse can claim as much as one-third of your estate upon your death, no matter how your will reads.

This may matter to you when you consider that the same inheritance could go to the heirs in his will. If he leaves no will, and has no immediate family, some distant cousin of his may benefit.

(8) Property can become a sticky wicket during your lifetime, too. The single person who owns real estate should check before marriage to see how his state stands on dower rights.

Such rights in some states, for example, give your spouse, at your death, a one-third interest in all the real estate you own. In addition, you can neither sell nor mortgage real estate without his consent during your lifetime.

(9) You cannot adopt a child without the consent of your spouse. (This might be a problem, for example, should a grandchild need this protection—adoption often being the only way pension or benefit rights can be secure.)

Of course the answer to many of the above problems is a simple premarital property settlement drawn up by a lawyer arranging the affairs of both marriage partners—obviously property law works both ways—according to their wishes. The thing to bear in mind is that, without such an agreement, either partner might find things going wrong financially.

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Borrowing Money

QUESTION:—Recently we have had some heavy medical expenses and will have to borrow money to clear the bills our insurance didn't cover. Where should we go?—*A.C.S., Tampa, Fla.*

ANSWERs—When you must borrow money always look for the least expensive money available to you from the most reliable lender in that category.

Your least expensive source would be to borrow on your life insurance policy at 5 percent. But consider this only if you're sure you will pay it back. Unlike other sources there is no deadline for repayment.

Here are the common interest rates. 8 to 12 percent, your credit union; 13.57 percent, personal loan from a bank; 18 to 36 percent, small loan company.

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Social Security Benefits

QUESTION:—Because of health and other reasons, I have not always been able to work and earn the maximum amounts under social security. As I understand it, this will mean a smaller benefit for me when I retire. Is there some way in which I could pay into social security the additional tax money so that I would be sure of getting the highest benefit?—*A.C., Des Moines, Ia.*

ANSWER:—It is possible for some workers to get maximum benefits even tho they have not earned maximum covered wages in all years. This is so because the law permits us to disregard up to five years of low earnings in computing monthly benefits. Without additional information about your earnings, however, we cannot say how your benefit would be affected.

There is no provision in the social security law which would make it possible for a person to voluntarily contribute to the social security trust funds in order to qualify for benefits. The Social Security Administration does not favor such a provision because it would not be in keeping with a basic principle of the social security program—that contributions and benefit payments are related to a worker's earnings. If voluntary contributions were permitted, the people most likely to make them would be those who could expect a large return for their investment.

This would not be fair to the workers covered by social security who would have to bear the cost of paying these benefits. Such a situation might tend to cover up the relationship between earnings and benefits, and might lead to public misunderstanding of the nature and purpose of the social security program: to replace part of the earnings that are lost when a worker retires, becomes disabled, or dies.

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"Living With Inflation"

QUESTION:—What's your formula for living with inflation?
E.H.K., Chicago, Ill.

ANSWER:—According to Martha Patton, feature columnist for the "Chicago Daily News," you live with inflation the way you live with a depression. In either case, few of us have enough money to buy all we want—so we cut down on our wants.

This doesn't sound like fun, but then it has rarely been suggested that either a depression or an inflationary period is fun.

Stop buying, or at least buy less of the too-expensive, in-demand items.

No less an authority than Dr. Henry Wallich, professor of economics, Yale University reports he has asked his wife for a main dish of potato pancakes one night a week.

Dr. Wallich pointed out that the price of beef is high not only because of inflation but because we're demanding more beef than ever before.

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"Let's Have Your Questions"

This regular feature of your "Independent Telephone Pioneer" magazine specializes in helping you obtain the correct answer to any question you may have regarding ITPA or the telephone industry. If you have a question or problem, write to John G. Reynolds, Editor, "The Independent Telephone Pioneer," 4411 Black Partridge Lane, Lisle, Ill. 60532 . . . We'll do our best to help.

Purchasing Lots

QUESTION:—"What is the name and address of the new federal real estate agency to contact if there has been misrepresentation in purchasing lots? I heard about it on a newscast when I was visiting in your city."—*J.F.C., New York, N.Y.*

ANSWER:—The person with whom to file such a complaint is: Herbert George, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., S.W., Room 2108, Washington, D.C. 20410. His office is "not in business to prevent a land developer from selling land that is under water, but to make certain the potential buyer knows that he is purchasing land that is under water."

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New Voters

Question:—Will the 18-year-old vote have an impact on coming elections? A lot of politicians think it won't. The Project 18 young people who campaigned for the vote think it will, and offer evidence. J.M.A.—Springfield, Ill.

ANSWER:—As of 1968, approximately *58 percent of the 18 to 21 age group, or six million young people, are part of America's labor force. About a quarter of these, or 1½ million, are members of organized labor.*

It is estimated 60 to 70 percent of the new vote would support liberal or labor endorsed candidates. Obviously, the new voters can turn around a close election. ■

Have You Got "A Nose" For News?

Even if you think you haven't—let us know what is happening in your town—in your company—in your Club or Chapter

- **Chapter or Club News**
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- **Retirements**
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Happenings which interest you, likely will interest other Pioneers; so let them read about it in "The Independent Telephone Pioneer."

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pioneer "quotes" and "quips"

■ From the West Coast, **Bob Kaetting**, of Comtronics Corp., reports he *"went to an 'adults-only' movie and even the popcorn was 18 years old."*

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■ Stromberg-Carlson's **Chet Reynolds** claims *"the surest way to bring down the rate of interest is to lower the hemlines."*

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■ **Otto Orenstein,** president of ITPA's John A. Balch Chapter advised—*"Stop watching the clock; it will keep going and you do the same!"*

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■ According to **Homer Akers,** Haymarket, Va., *"Football and baseball will never vanish from the scene. We've got to have something to separate the TV commercials."*

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■ ITPA Director **Dave Solomon,** Alexandria, Va., tells us—*"The sociologists are shaking their heads, saying that the young of America are declining—but parents reply that they haven't seen them decline anything yet."*

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■ California's **Chet Baldwin** claims —*"The first prize of being the laziest man in the world has to go to the fellow who sits and whittles with an electric knife."*

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■ Indiana's **Cliff McCormick** reports—*"There are only two things a child will share willingly—communicable diseases and his mother's age."*

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■ Iowa's **Cliff Pearce** claims—*"People are funny: Most of them want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the road."*

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■ Cable Spinning's **Ellen Neale** states that—*"A diplomat is someone who thinks twice before saying nothing."*

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■ Florida's **Ed Bray** reports—*"Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once!"*

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■ CEECO's **Ken Gillette** observes that—*"Yawning may be considered bad manners but it is an honest opinion."*

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■ ITT's **Jerry Cannon** claims *" A yawn is a way of letting married men open their mouths."*

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■ North Electric's **DON DYE, Galion, Ohio, sent us the following clipping of a letter received by Bell of Canada:**

"Dear BELL BUSINESS BELLES: One of you recommended the 'Touchtone.' . . . If you'll keep it quiet I'll tell you why I love it! (I haven't yet received my bill that may change my mind!):

"I used to get some nuisance calls: Now if there is no answer—I Morse 'Go to Hell'—they probably do not get the Morse—but I do not hear from them again.

"If I want to call a Radio Talk Show it seems that I get through faster.

"I used to have trouble with the wife of a friend of mine. (He . . . understands Morse). When I talked to him, and wanted to tell him the latest 'one' from 'PLAYBOY'—she listened on the Extension. This became troublesome for other reasons. Now with my 'Touchtone' I Morse my message; the wife is now the most frustrated woman in Westmount!!

"For God's sake don't tell your Boss or they may take my 'Touchtone' away and break my heart!!

Name witheld
TMW, Que.

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YOU WILL FIND members of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association from "coast-to-coast" and in many foreign countries, and your ITPA emblem will be instantly recognized wherever you go.

And there's a reason: Since John K. Johnston founded the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association in 1920, the organization has been the "Honor Society" of the Independent telephone industry, and those who wear the ITPA emblem are the industry's "top members"—the men and women who have served the industry for 15 years or longer.

A Pioneer is defined as one who goes before, preparing the way for others to follow; a settler in a new territory; one who develops a new field of activity. ITPA was founded in 1920 to honor not only those early Pioneers who "went before to prepare the way," who "settled in new territory," and who "fought and won the battles of a new industry," . . . but also to honor each new generation of Independent Pioneers—dedicated men and women who would strengthen the industry and move it ahead.

The all-important purpose of ITPA is expressed in the concluding words of the Pioneer Creed—". . . And that by banding together in the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association (ITPA) we can perpetuate the Pioneering spirit and preserve the ideals which are our heritage."

Wear your Pioneer emblem, proudly. It identifies you as a member of ITPA—the honor society of the Independent telephone industry—and wherever you go in this great land of ours other ITPA members will welcome you and make you proud of your ITPA membership.

If you have not purchased your Pioneer emblem write ITPA for a special order form, and request a copy of the "Pioneer Creed."

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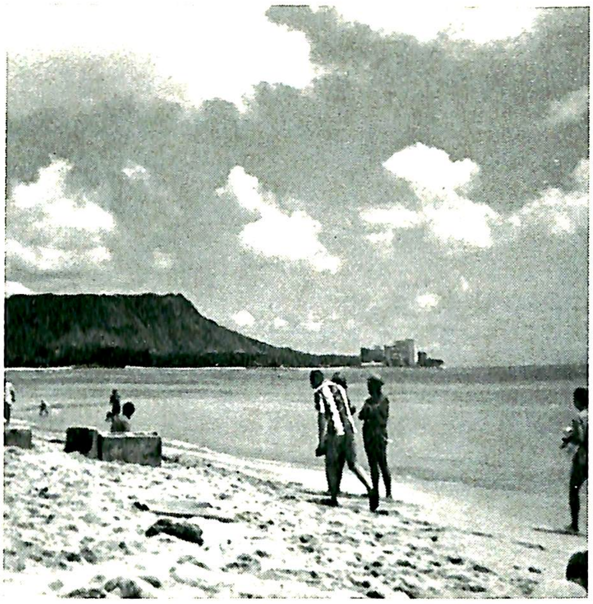

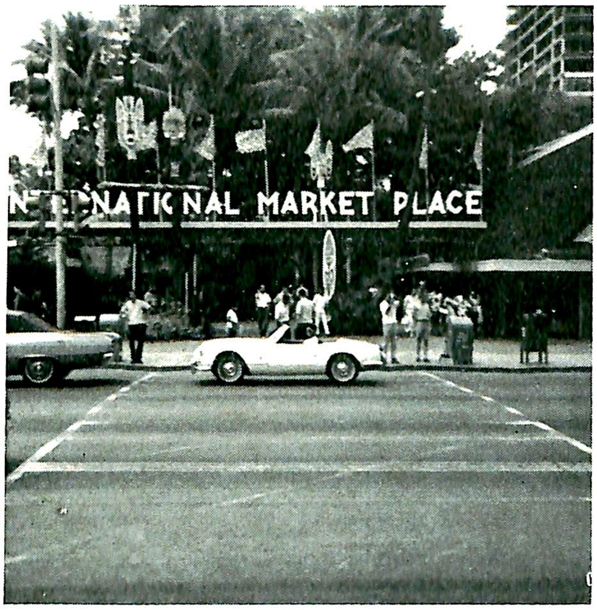

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October 11-15

Come along! This year attend USITA's 73rd Annual Convention, October 11-15 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, participate in ITPA's 50th Anniversary meeting and banquet, and help Hawaii celebrate "Aloha Week."

The stage is set for the biggest Independent telephone industry celebration in history—important, helpful meetings, helpful speakers, and Pioneer activities that will make you glad you came!

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